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# CHINA PREPARES FOR COUNTER OFFENSIVE

## ARMY'S MORALE RESTORED BY ARMS' ARRIVAL

## Interest in Sun Fo's Reported Mission To Russian Capital

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Chinese forces are now busily preparing a grand counter-offensive which will be launched in a month or so, according to Chinese official quarters. It is claimed that the morale of the Chinese troops has been restored by the arrival of reinforcements and new equipment.

Much speculation has been aroused by the report that Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, is now en route to Moscow to represent the Chinese Government in negotiations with the Soviets.

A number of important changes in personnel, both politically and militarily, were made recently, with the avowed object of ensuring greater efficiency in Chinese military operations.

There are indications that ex-Communists, who are irreconcilably anti-Japanese, are winning a larger share in the direction of affairs. As an example the Chinese forces in the provinces of Shanai, Shenai, Suiyan and Ningxia have been placed under the command of Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the 8th Route Army the former Communist army. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the now defunct Sino-Soviet Government has been appointed Governor of Kansu.

**Advised To Evacuate**

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Following advice from the State Department in Washington, a number of Americans are evacuating Tientsin for Shanghai to-morrow aboard the United States light cruiser Marblehead, the destroyer Pope, and H.M.S. Suffolk are remaining at Tientsin.—*Reuter*.

**Appointment Unlikely**

Hankow, Dec. 28.

Although Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, is on his way to Moscow to represent the Chinese Government in negotiations with the Soviet, his appointment as Ambassador to Russia is unlikely, it is said here.

Mr. Yui Ming, formerly the Director of the Shanghai office for Foreign Affairs, is at present on his way to Russia to act as *Charge d'Affaires* in the capital pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Ching Ting-fu, who recently returned to China.

Meanwhile, the new Soviet Ambassador has called on Dr. Wang Chung-hui. The date for the presentation of his credentials to the President, Mr. Lin Sen, has not yet been fixed but it will likely be early in January.

**ECONOMIC CONFERENCE EXPECTED**

London, Dec. 27.

It is predicted that a Four-Power Economic Conference between Britain, France, Italy and Germany will be called as soon as M. Paul van Zeeland submits his general report on "economic rehabilitation" in Europe.

It is expected that the basic points of the report will be (1) a Customs union for ten years, (2) abolition of the "tariff" systems, (3) "mobilisation" of the armaments, plus the creation of a currency equalisation fund by the Bank of International Settlements.—*United Press*.

## Japan Strives To Conserve Gold Supplies

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

In order to conserve the stock of gold in the country, it has been decreed that no articles of gold finer than nine carat may be made, while the use of gold for bookbinding, emblems, gilding and so on, is forbidden. The decree comes into force on January 1.—*Reuter*.

## RESIGNING?



Human's Prime Minister, Gh. Tatarescu, after quarrelling with King Carol on policy, is reported to have resigned.

## RUMANIAN PRIME MINISTER QUILTS

Bucharest, Dec. 28.

The Prime Minister, Gh. Tatarescu, saw King Carol yesterday in the Capathian Mountains and it is reported that he handed the King his resignation.

No official announcement has yet been made.—*Reuter*.

## Pastors Freed Christmas Must Return To Prison

Berlin, Dec. 27.

No official comment was made regarding the Pope's Christmas Eve address against German religious persecution, and the press generally is silent.

A semi-official agency declared that the address was hateful and completely unjustified.

Pastors who had been imprisoned during past several months were allowed to return to their churches during Christmas, but they have to return to prison after the holidays.—*Reuter*.

## STOP PRESS

## TSINGTAO RAID SOON EXPECTED

Tsingtao, Dec. 28.

Observers here believe the Japanese will converge on Tsingtao by land and sea and expect fighting to break out at any moment.—*Reuter*.

## JAPAN PLANS FINANCES

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Copies of the Ordinary Budget Bill are in the hands of Peers and Representatives and plans for long-term hostilities are laid, as well as for the exploitation and protection of territory occupied in China.—*Reuter*.

## Hongkong's Laws Now Modernised

### Royal Air Force Finally Given Status In Law

The task of consolidating the Ordinances of Hongkong, which has occupied several months, has been completed by the Attorney General's Department.

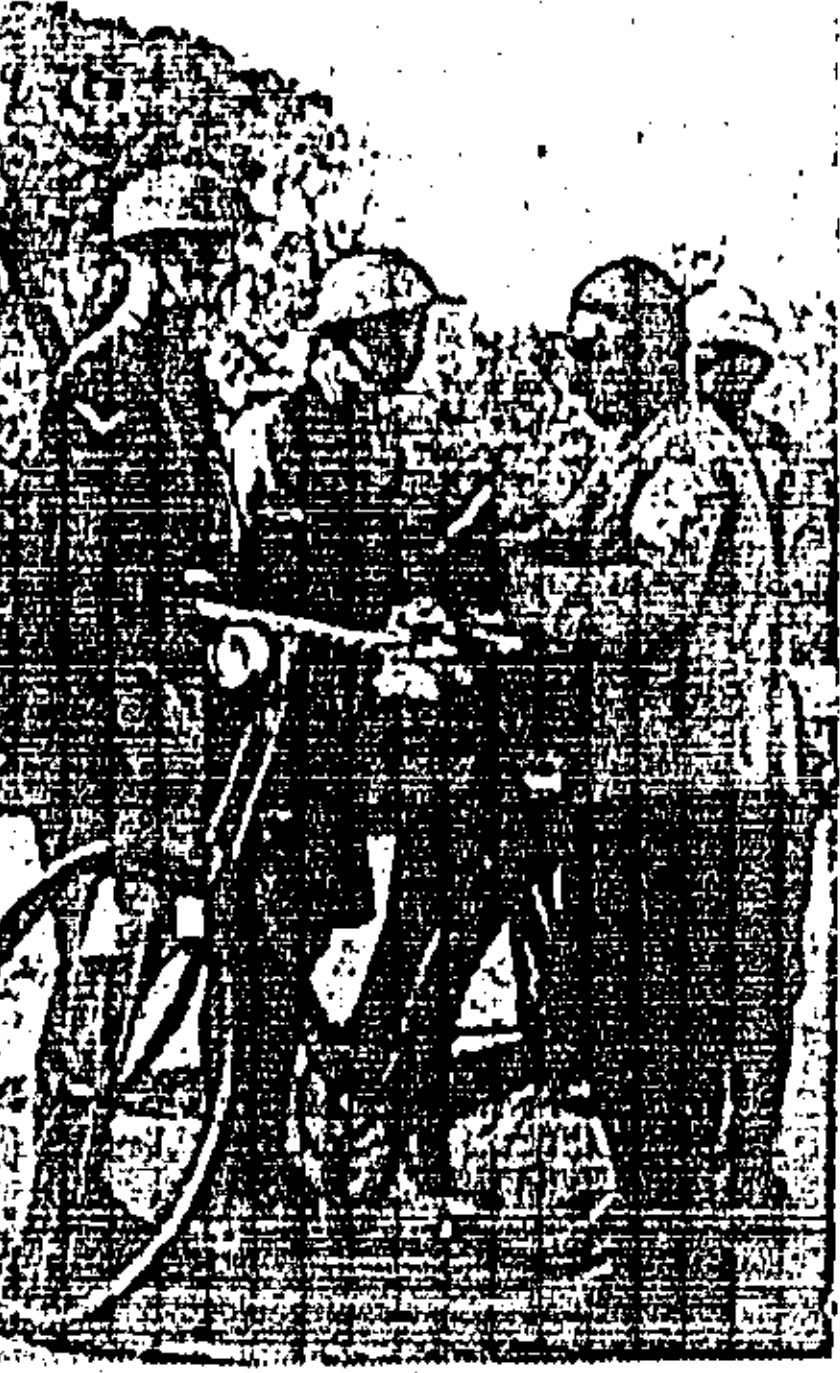
Consolidating and amendment affects Ordinances which became law as long ago as 1844, three years after the foundation of the Colony.

The Land Registration Ordinance of 1844 after 97 years, is to be amended by the necessary insertion of the word "and" between two words.

Old Ordinances amended as a result of the consolidation include The Chinese Wills Validation Ordinance of 1836, The Imperial Enactments Extension Ordinance of 1837, The Penalties (Remission) Ordinance of 1860, The Military Stores Ordinance of 1862, The Admiralty Ordinance of 1863, The Malicious Damages Ordinance of 1865, and the Coinage Ordinance of 1865.

Several Ordinances relating to the military and navy have been amended to include the words "and Royal Air Force." Aeroplanes were unknown when these Ordinances went through Legislative Council, and the (Continued on Page 12.)

## MORE TROUBLE



The troubles in Palestine continue. Troops are constantly searching for arms, as in the picture, stopping everyone in the process.

## Two British Soldiers Die In Palestine

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.

Two British soldiers who were wounded in an engagement with Arab rebels on Christmas Day in the hills of Galilee have died.

At least 30 Arabs are known to have been killed in the engagement in this area.—*Reuter*.

## JAPANESE MAKING NO FURTHER MOVE TO PLACATE U.S.

## Preoccupied with Talk Of Political Changes

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The War and Navy departments of the Foreign Office are putting the finishing touches to the reply to the British note regarding the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird, and delivery of the reply is expected very soon.

It is not expected that there will be further efforts to placate the United States concerning the Panay affair. Regardless of the possible desire, either public or private, to placate the United States still further, the actual move in such a direction might result in unpleasant impressions elsewhere. Apparently the whole nation is pleased with Mr. Cordell Hull's acceptance of the Japanese reply, and so far as the public is concerned, sufficient satisfaction has been given the United States by the Japanese Government.—*United Press*.

## POLITICAL RUMOURS

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Part of Mr. Koki Hirota's reply to the United States Note regarding the Panay incident has not been published in Japan, and some observers in close touch with official quarters believe that the note contained matters not revealed in the copy handed to newspaper correspondents.

Meanwhile the Government is watching the political situation which is attended by rumours of Cabinet changes and possible Government structural changes, hence the desire to finish the Panay and Ladybird incidents as soon as possible in order that the populace and political circles might forget them.

The rumours in political circles include the possible retirement of Prince Konoze, the Prime Minister, with Admiral Suetsugu as his successor, the enlargement of the powers of the Advisory Council and a reduction in the number of the members of the Cabinet. A strong board of financial advisers has already been appointed, including Mr. S. Ikeda, and some predict that political interest in Japan will soon overshadow the daily vicissitudes in China, which are reported to be reaching their final stages.—*United Press*.

## Air France Liner Crash Kills Three

### Pilot Woff Off His Course

Vienna, Dec. 27.

The Air France liner *Esjay* crashed when en route from Vienna to Prague and all aboard, the pilot, wireless operator and one passenger, were killed.

The scene of the crash was the Bohemian Forest, well off the machine's route.

An inquiry is progressing into the reason for the pilot's change of direction.—*Reuter*.

## U.S. CONTINUES TO WATCH JAPANESE WITH WARINESS

## Panay Incident May Be "Only Beginning of Our Ignominy," Says Press

Washington, Dec. 27.

The United States Government has not yet decided upon the sum it will request the Japanese Government to furnish as indemnity for the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, said Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day.

He added that competent officials were working out the amount which would meet the case.

Meanwhile there is an air of wariness with regard to the whole situation in China.

## STRIVING TO CURB PATRIOTS

### Bombing Incident Makes Trouble For Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

Mr. R. C. Ailes, Deputy Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Council, interviewed after the incident at Honan Road bridge when three grenades were thrown at a Japanese launch, wounding a Japanese soldier in the hand, said:

"We are bound to let people, Chinese as well as foreigners, use the bridge, and it must be apparent that the municipality is extending all efforts to curb crime in the International Settlement."

"But we cannot possibly hold ourselves entirely responsible for every individual who may sneak through despite the vigilance of our officers."

Mr. Ailes added that six Chinese police, two civilian police, and one Sikh with a patrol officer, were stationed at the bridge daily for the purpose of searching suspicious characters.—*United Press*.

## British Radio Talks For Arab Audience

### Notable Persons To Inaugurate Programme

London, Dec. 27.

The B.B.C. announces that the first transmission of news in foreign languages will be broadcast in Arabic on January 3 from 6 p.m. G.M.T., on a wave-length of 31.32 metres.

Several distinguished representatives of Arabic-speaking countries in the Near East will participate in the opening ceremony.

Prince Selva Islam Hussain, son of the Imam of Yemen, will broadcast before the news bulletin, and four other messages of greeting will be broadcast from the Egyptian Ministers (read in his absence in Egypt by the *Charge d'Affaires* of the Egyptian Embassy), the Ministers of India, Arabia, and Iraq, and Sir Bernard Reilly, Governor of Aden.

From January 4 onwards the transmissions will be regularly broadcast at the same time, preceded from 5.20 p.m. by a normal short-wave programme with Arabic announcements.—*Reuter*.

## FRANCE PAYS OFF LOAN

Paris, Dec. 27.

France has repaid the last instalment of the British loan made to the French railways a year ago.

The repayment was made from the profits of the workings of the French change Stabilisation Fund.—*Reuter*.

## No Definite Word On Silver Price

### May Be Fixed By Proclamation

Washington, Dec. 27.

Despite the long assumption that President Roosevelt intends to fix the price of silver by proclamation before the end of the year, the Assistant Secretary to the President, Mr. Stephen Early, to-day said, "It would not of necessity be by proclamation."

He would not amplify on the prospects of proclamation, but said that the experts were left with several possible courses to pursue.

Firstly, he said that the price of silver might be issued by proclamation.

Secondly, that no proclamation be made, thus permitting the Treasury to purchase silver anywhere between the world levels, roughly 45 cents, and the monetary value of \$1.20.

Thirdly, to let a proclamation lapse and simply direct the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase at some fixed price.—*United Press*.

## DUCHESS OF RUTLAND PASSES AWAY

London, Dec. 27.

The Duchess of Rutland, mother-in-law to Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, died in London to-day.—*Reuter*.

The Duchess of Rutland, daughter of Colonel the Hon. C. H. Lindsay, C.B., was an artist and the author of one publication, *Portraits of Men and Women*.

She married the 8th Duke of Rutland, who died in 1927, and they had one son and three daughters.



# SPARKLE... After Dark



By  
MARY  
GRACE

Evening frock of soft  
petunia pink chiffon,  
with a close-fitting  
shirred bodice. The  
skirt fullness is drawn  
into the front, follow-  
ing the newest line.  
Pink and silver  
flowers make a  
charming headress  
and diamond  
bangles sparkle at  
the wrist.

Sequin Haloes

Diamanté

Metal Tissues

WITH the advent of Christ-  
mas shop windows are  
filled with gay frocks telling us  
that the season of parties is  
round the corner.

I have just been making a round  
of the mid-season collections. The  
extravagances of the earlier dress  
shows have disappeared, and sil-  
houettes are greatly reduced.

If the tale of evening fashions  
were strictly told, skirts would  
have pride of place. Their great  
novelty consists in their irregu-  
larity: no two are alike.

One designer raises the line in  
front, another's skirts are so nar-  
row that they must be slit at the  
side in order to walk.

Side by side with these are the  
draped skirts, and the rather stiff wide-  
skirted styles that stand up in the stead  
of picture frocks this season.

The newest of all lines is that  
sketched by my artist, showing the  
fullness brought to the front of the  
skirt. Made of soft chiffon, the bodice  
line hugs the figure.

Yes, we have gone back to curves:  
where the figure has  
curves, the gown has  
curves, too. Loop  
drapery, shirring,  
bands embroidered  
with sequins or dia-  
manté, are curved to  
follow the lines of the  
figure.

Evening frocks this  
season must have a  
touch of pretty-pretty  
about them. With a  
simply cut dress in the  
fashionable black must  
be worn masses of  
jewellery so that it  
glitters and sparkles as  
grandly as the most  
elaborately trimmed  
gown.

There is, too, a defi-  
nite effort this season  
to keep the waist  
high, but I have  
noticed some fash-  
ions tied low on the hips.

This, in my opinion, is  
the forerunner of a lower waist line  
next year.

As to materials, the richer the  
better, and never have I remarked so  
many reasonably priced brocades and  
metal tissues. Dull surfaced jersey-  
fabrics that cling closely to the figure,  
and, of course, the ever popular velvet  
are for mother; for her daughter,  
chiffon or net.

Even if a dress is not sequin trimmed,  
this popular decoration appears on the  
accessories.

Sketched below are a few suggestions  
—a halo headress composed entirely  
of sequins, a matching necklace, also  
bag and shoes bespattered here and  
there with these pretty ornaments.

## Colour Favourites

AMONG the lovely new colours for startit hours are petunia pink,  
hanging from the most delicate of shades to the deep blush hues.  
Next come the blues and mauves of the cyclamen, and a red that  
matches the brightness of holly berries. Another red, called flame, is  
among the first favourites for striking evening frocks.

Frog green, a pretty shade, is another newcomer, and there is also  
a subtle colour called pine mist—a very soft greeny blue—to gladden the  
eye among the purples and deep blues of the season.

Lucky charm bracelets are a whim of the moment. Two novelties  
caught my attention at a dance recently. One had black and white  
dice suspended from a thin chain. The other boasted minute coloured  
figures—a Highland piper, a golfer with bag of clubs, a Dutch girl,  
two Hungarians, and a newsboy.



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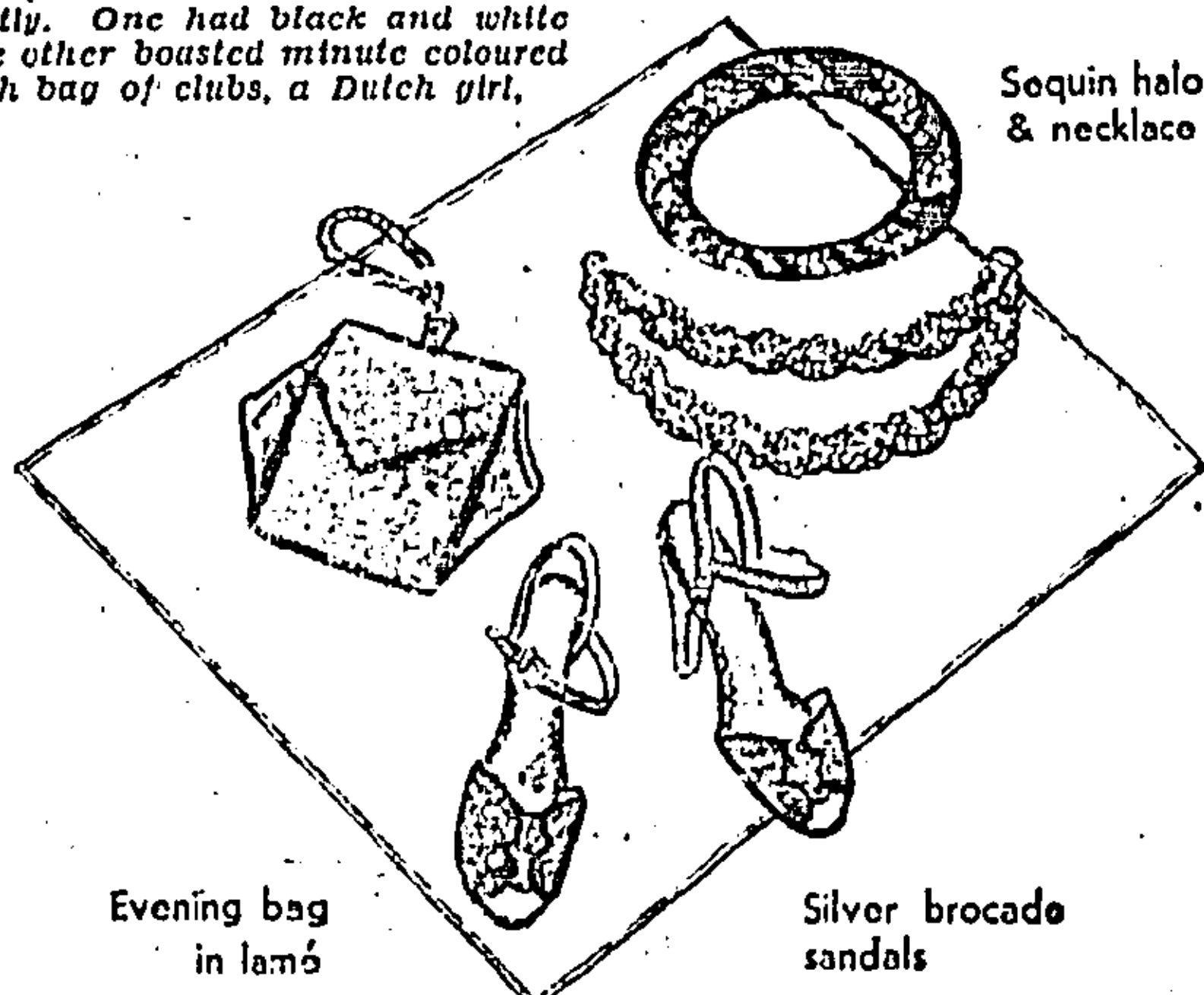
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## Clearing up the Mess...

CHRISTMAS parties are over, the guests are gone, the house  
looks untidy, and the family feel flat. But make the best  
of what's left.

First of all don't take down all the decorations, just pick  
out dead flowers, withered leaves, or bits of tinsel which have  
got straggly looking and throw them away. Leave the rest  
till after the New Year.

Then the question of food: you are faced with the remains  
of a turkey and half a Christmas pudding. Try this method  
with the turkey legs.

Make a paste from salt, white pepper, curry powder,  
mustard, cayenne, and butter. If you like things really tasty  
add some Worcester sauce, chutney, or mushroom powder.

Score the bird's legs deeply in several places, put plenty  
of the devil paste into the cuts, and spread the rest all over  
the surface. Leave the legs like this for some hours. When  
you want to cook them put them under the grill for about ten  
minutes, turning once or twice.

The plum pudding can be changed from a wearisome cold  
sledge by being cut into slices, heated through in the fry-  
pan, and served with a sprinkling of castor sugar.

## H U S H !

NOT SO MUCH NOISE, CHILDREN! Ugly voices  
are not only an irritation to other people, but a drawback  
to children, and tiring, too. You should not overlook and  
ignore bad speaking habits in young children. Bad habits  
are difficult to eradicate, and their effects far reaching.

The trouble is often accentuated by the fact that many people  
in charge of children—mothers included—have unpleasant, and  
therefore ill-used, voices themselves. They don't recognise the  
signs of voice-strain in their children, and cannot instruct them  
in those correct habits of breathing and speaking which are  
essential. Too much is left to the school, and children are not  
given even rudimentary home training.

The clear, live tones of a natural young voice are lovely to  
hear if the child has a sufficient vocabulary, breathes correctly and  
is not shy, flustered, or trying to impress. But many children  
develop a trick of drawing in their breath through the mouth at  
the beginning of speech and after every few words. Their words  
tumble or are gasped out, their voice getting shriller and louder as  
they try to create an effect.

When the noise of such a voice becomes unbearable the child will  
be told not to shout, but it is un-  
likely that he will be given some  
prompt and definite instruction as  
to how to become forceful, convin-  
ing and attractive by using his voice  
in a lower register, and by thinking  
out what he wants to say.

A TENDENCY to talk in a high-  
pitched nasal twang is shown at  
an early age. Children with narrow  
and lazy nostrils, throat and nose  
trouble, shallow chests, frequently have  
a whining voice that may develop  
into a hard, shrill and unpleasant  
adult voice.

Chronic catarrh and swollen ton-  
sils often result in the voice-box  
being misused, while an inadequate  
intake of breath embarrasses both  
speaker and listener.

You can teach your children early naturally  
in life that they will not get em-  
phasised by hurry and shrillness of  
phrases by a steady fullness of them  
breath behind their words, by clear,  
well-toned speech.

The first lesson, then, in good  
voice production is correct breath-  
ing. The child must have breath-  
ing enough for the effort of speech and  
for the support of his voice. Breath-  
ing should be done, not at the be-  
ginning of a word or a phrase, but  
at the end of words and sentences.

Try a little practical demonstra-  
tion—first with single, double and vocal  
cords and taxes his vocal  
repeated words, second with short  
sentences, third with long sentences.

Smoke, dust, cold, the air of ill-  
divided up conveniently here and  
there for breathing purposes. Breath  
is inhaled and exhaled through the  
nose (which, of course, should be  
clear and free for that purpose).

Irritate throats and make children  
liable to catarrh... A clear, rich,  
resonant voice is impossible with  
catarrh.

Many songs used in schools are  
on the vocal cords and helps to  
increase lung-capacity and to lower  
average child voice, which may be-  
come permanently damaged through  
being forced up to high keys. But  
young children.

Take a long, smooth breath, raising  
the arms limply. Now throw down and  
therefore, personality.

## NEW SONG & DANCE ALBUMS

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Boo-Hoo, You're Here You're There, etc., etc.

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# SHAW IMPROVES ON SHAKESPEARE

## "I Abdicate, And Pass the Throne" He Writes in Play

Bernard Shaw has carried out an old threat—he has rewritten Shakespeare.

He has taken the last act of "Cymbeline," cut it down from 60 pages to 15, retained about 80 of Shakespeare's lines, and written the rest of the act himself in blank verse.

This new version was produced at the Embassy Theatre recently, and the programme reads: "Cymbeline: by William Shakespeare and George Bernard Shaw."

One of its interpolated passages is extraordinary. The king's long-lost sons, Cadwal and Polydore, are discovered; and the elder is hailed as heir to the throne of Britain. "Here is the future king of this rude island!" To which he replies:

## "No D— Red Carpet For Me"

—King George

When King George VI was a naval cadet he visited Quebec and attended a dance. His extreme shyness made the ordeal a misery. His tutor, however, enjoyed himself so thoroughly that the buttons flew off the back of his trousers.

"This is awful. Please don't mention it to anybody," begged the tutor.

But the future King was so amused that he whispered the news to every one of his dance partners and completely forgot his shyness.

This is one of many anecdotes told about the King in Hector Bolitho's new book, "George VI." (Eyre and Spottiswoode: 7s. 6d.).

While at sea Prince Albert, as he was then, answered to the name of Johnstone, and nobody was allowed to call him anything else.

### ROYAL GUIDE

At Toulon a Frenchman with his wife and two daughters came on board and asked the officer of the watch: "May we see the Prince?" Prince Albert was standing just by them, but the officer replied: "I am sorry, the Prince has gone for a walk."

"Then, may we see over the ship?" asked the Frenchman. The officer turned to the Prince: "Oh, stone, take these people round the ship."

The Prince did as he was told. Presently the Frenchman asked one of the sailors, "Is the Prince on board?"

"Yes, that's him," replied the sailor, "showing you round the ship." While still a cadet the Prince was asked to open a new yacht club in Jamaica.

He stood up to speak, and managed to conquer his shyness. But behind and below him clustered crowds of Jamaica natives, who constantly prodded his ankles and legs, in awed admiration.

### SAME AS OTHERS

King George V was a strict disciplinarian, and would never allow his sons to be given privileges that others did not have. Prince Albert was punished equally with others at Dartmouth when they were caught one Nov. 5 letting off fireworks in a forbidden spot.

While at Cambridge he was caught smoking in the street while gowned and made to pay a fine on the spot. King George VI has said that he was not brought up to be "palace-minded." He disliked pomp.

When he was asked to lead the work of the Industrial Welfare Society he replied: "I will do it, but I don't want any of that damned red carpet."

### New Zealand

## £1,500 DAMAGES FOR DEAD CHILD

Wellington. A Supreme Court jury at Christchurch was asked to decide a point believed to be without precedent. It had to assess the damages for loss of "expectation of life" of a three-year-old child killed in a motor accident.

The judge said the jury was asked to determine the answer to W. S. Gilbert's query, "Is life a boon?" The case had arisen owing to the recent alteration in New Zealand law by which a person's right of action does not die with him. The jury assessed damages at £1,500.

Parliament. In pursuance of a promise given before the election a Government bill has been introduced reducing the life of the New Zealand Parliament to three years from four. Maoris are given the secret ballot.

### CADWAL:

No, no. This kingly business has no charm for me.

When I lived in a cave, methought a palace

Must be a glorious place, peopled with men

Renowned as councillors, mighty as soldiers,

As saints a pattern of holy living, And all at my command, were I a prince.

This was my dream. I am awake to-day.

I am to be, forsooth, another Cloten, Plagued by the chatter of his train of flatterers,

Compelled to worship priest-invented gods.

Not free to wed the woman of my choice, Being stopped at every turn by some old fool

Crying: "You must not," or, still worse: "You must."

O, no, sir, give me back the dear old cave!

I abdicate, and pass the throne to Polydore.

POLYDORE: Do you, by heavens? Thank you for nothing, brother!

"ALL ON SURFACE"

Mr. Shaw told a News Chronicle representative: "You must not try to find in the passage more than there is on the surface. It is written as part of the play and is necessary to it. It is not to be taken as my view that abdication is a happy solution of a king's difficulties or anything else. I had no intention of inferring anything apart from the use in the play."

## SPECIAL EMPIRE CABLES

## STRIKE VIOLENCE IN INDIA

Bombay, Dec. 16. While the textile strikes at Bombay and Coimbatore are peacefully settled the Ahmedabad position is much worse. Weavers at seven more mills struck to-day, making a total of 18 mills idle. Willing workers are being intimidated and cases of violence are increasing.

In Calcutta the rowdiness of strikers during the week-end caused the police to be called out to disperse a procession. An influential joint committee appointment in the United Provinces met at Calcutta this afternoon to investigate the root causes of the industrial unrest.

Attacks on Ministers.—Mr. Nalin Sarkar, Finance Minister of Bengal, bitterly attacks a section of the Bengal Nationalist Press for its "vilification of Ministers" and "foul attacks against Ministers' private characters."

Japan Boycott.—The boycott movement against Japan is gaining ground in India. There is a noticeable decline in imports of Japanese goods, and also in exports of raw cotton to Japan. Exports of cotton to China have increased. India will support any move for sanctions.

### Australia

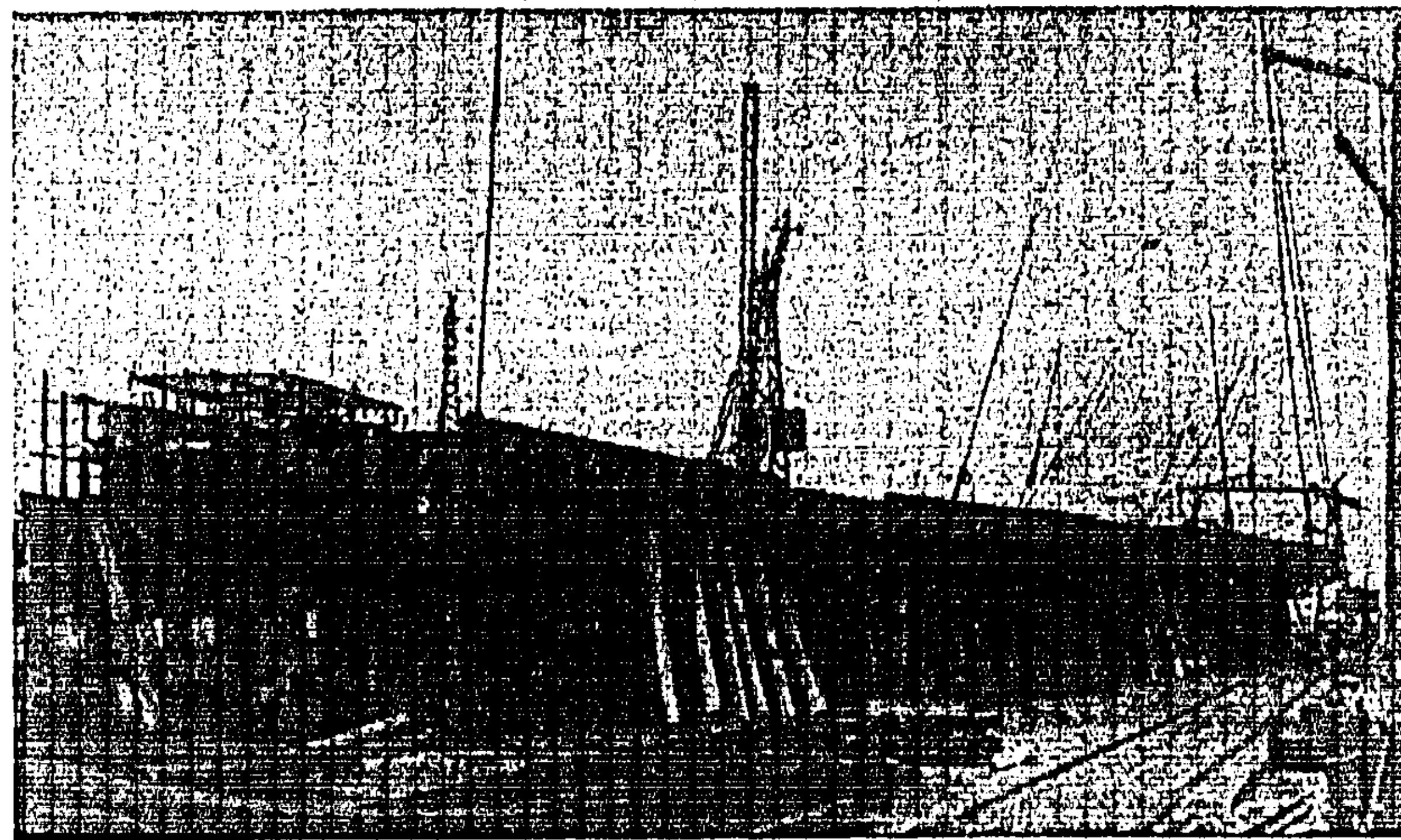
## EMPIRE FLIGHTS DELAYED

Sydney. General disappointment has been caused by the announcement that the British Air Ministry will be held up at Southampton for months because no steps have been taken to provide local bases for them.

The retiring Minister of Defence, Sir Archdale Parkhill, insists that the British Air Ministry will be held up at Southampton for months because no steps have been taken to provide local bases for them.

Revenue Boom.—Customs revenue for the four months ended Oct. 31 amounted to £15,892,000—an increase of £1,016,000 on last year. Revenue in October amounted to £3,975,000—an increase of £202,000.

## BLUE FUNNEL LINER TAKES SHAPE



Work on the new Blue Funnel liners now under construction at Talkoo Dockyards, is progressing satisfactorily. This photograph was taken during the week-end.

## Why Franco Delays His Promised Knock-Out

## PLANES SENT BACK TO MEET LOYALIST RAIDS

FRANCO KEEPS THE WORLD WAITING FOR HIS PROMISED "KNOCK-OUT BLOW" TO THE SPANISH REPUBLIC.

Four weeks have passed since, with the fall of Asturias, the rebel generalissimo announced that his victorious legions were ready to fall "like an avalanche" on the other "Red" fronts, which, he said, were already cracking.

The blow cannot be much longer delayed. But why has Franco waited

nearly a month, allowing winter to set in and giving the Republican Government time to establish itself in its new temporary capital, Barcelona?

It is a mystery—but only to those who imagine that the Republican Government is covering in terror before the Fascist warlord, like a rabbit before a stoat.

The fact is that the rebels did begin to prepare the ground for their big push three weeks ago. They began in the approved fashion—with a slaughter of civilians in towns behind the Government lines.

On All Saints' Day, Lerida was bombed and 200 civilians were killed; among them were many refugees who had escaped from the Basque country and found asylum in Catalonia. During the next three days many more civilians fell victims to the Fascist bombs in other Catalan towns.

"NINE DAYS' WAR" This was the method which had proved so effective for the rebels in their successive advances on Bilbao, Santander and Gijón—the method of "the nine days' war," which aims at breaking the morale of the other side by a devastating display of frightfulness.

In the Basque country and in Asturias the Republicans could do no more than offer a passive defence to the attacks.

## Woman "Of No Morals" Uses Chinese Servant To Swindle Mayfair

A Chinese servant was employed by 39-years-old Muriel Martin to give colour to her pose in Mayfair as a woman of means—an imposture which brought her to the dock at Middlesex Sessions.

After hearing of her exploits with worthless cheques, the deputy chairman, Sir Reginald Coventry, sentenced her to 15 months' hard labour. "A woman of no morals," he commented.

She was accused of obtaining credit without disclosing that she was an undischarged bankrupt. Mr. Pollock, prosecuting, said that Martin, who lived at Harrow, was known by a variety of names chosen for their picturesqueness rather than their accuracy. The charges were in connection with work done for her by a bulker and for the hire of cars.

"CALLED 'LEE'" "When the police called on her she denied that she was an undischarged bankrupt, and when the officer said he wished to examine an attaché case in the house, she called

By William Forrest

"News Chronicle" Special Correspondent, who has just returned from Spain

this form of attack. The central Government tried to send them help, but all in vain. (It can now be revealed that these efforts cost the Government scores of planes.)

CHURCHILL RIGHT Now, in the House of Commons the other night, Mr. Churchill said that an indiscriminate air attack on the civil population "could certainly not be met by any system of mere passive defence, but only by well-directed counter-attacks against military targets and objectives."

When Franco began his "nine days' war" against the civil population of Catalonia the Republican Air Force gave a striking demonstration in support of Mr. Churchill's argument.

They bombed Saragossa, the big rebel city behind the Aragon front. Barracks crowded with Mussolini's

Black Arrows and Franco's Legionaries were destroyed. A powder factory was blown up. The flames could be seen for two days from the Government front lines.

### REBELS SURPRISED

Forty planes took part in the raid. Every one returned unscathed to its base. On succeeding days similar raids were made on other rebel towns behind the Aragon front, without the loss of a single machine.

The effect was remarkable. Franco's "nine days' war" against the refugee-crowded towns and villages of Catalonia stopped at once. And the big push on the Aragon front, which everyone expected in the first week of November, was postponed.

Clearly these unexpected blows from the Republican Air Force must have compelled Franco to redistribute his own air squadrons. For one thing, scores of pursuit planes would have to be detached from the war front in order to protect Saragossa and other places behind the lines against a repetition of the Republican raids.

NO FUNK-HOLE These Republican raids mark a new phase of the war—a phase that was initiated by the Government's removal to Barcelona. This step has been interpreted abroad as a retreat. It is the reverse.

Barcelona is not a funk-hole. The Yellows whom the Fascist dictators have got on the run are not to be found south of the Pyrenees.

The Government decided to go to Barcelona in order to harness Catalonia—with its ample reserves of man-power and its industrial resources—more closely to the Republican war machine.

All the more necessary was this when it became apparent that France, after opening the Pyrenees frontier in order to send back thousands of refugees to hungry Spain, would not keep it open for the transit of war material.

### KID GLOVES OFF

The Government of Dr. Negrin has faced up to the situation in a spirit of grim determination. Abandoned by the democratic Powers of Western Europe, Republican Spain must rely on its own strength. And henceforth it will employ its strength to the full.

Republican airmen will never swoop down on masses of women and children and drill them with machine-guns. But when the enemy launches his "nine days' war" they will reply with "well-directed counter-attacks against military targets and objectives."

After 16 months of hostilities the Republic has been compelled to take off the kid gloves. The war, which everyone outside of Spain seems to keep as being nearly over—"bar the shouting"—is just getting into its stride.

### ITALY'S 150,000 MEN

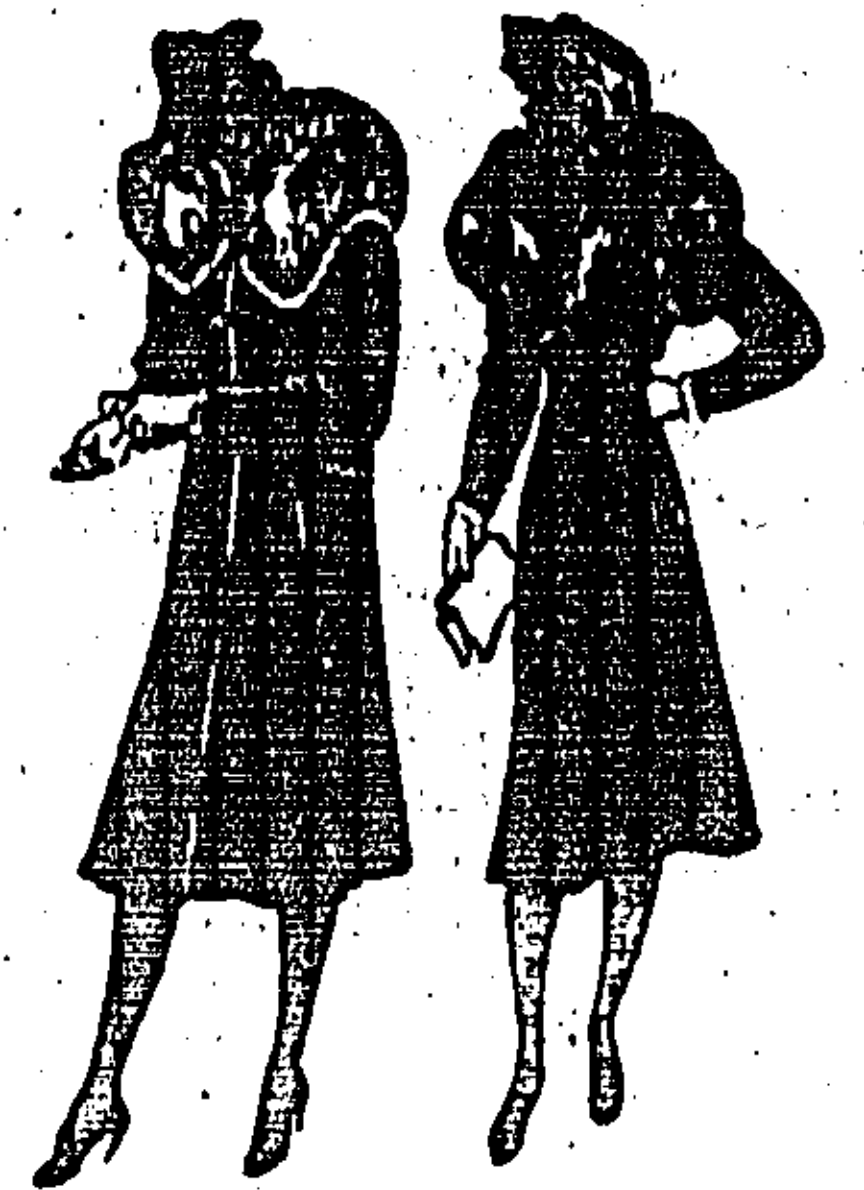
Barcelona, Nov. 20. Speaking to foreign Press representatives Dr. Negrin, the Spanish Premier, said that the number of Italian troops in Spain was 150,000. Italy's figure of 40,000 was "camouflage." The recall of 5,000 men, which had been spoken of, was a joke. It would only relieve the rebels of their wounded.

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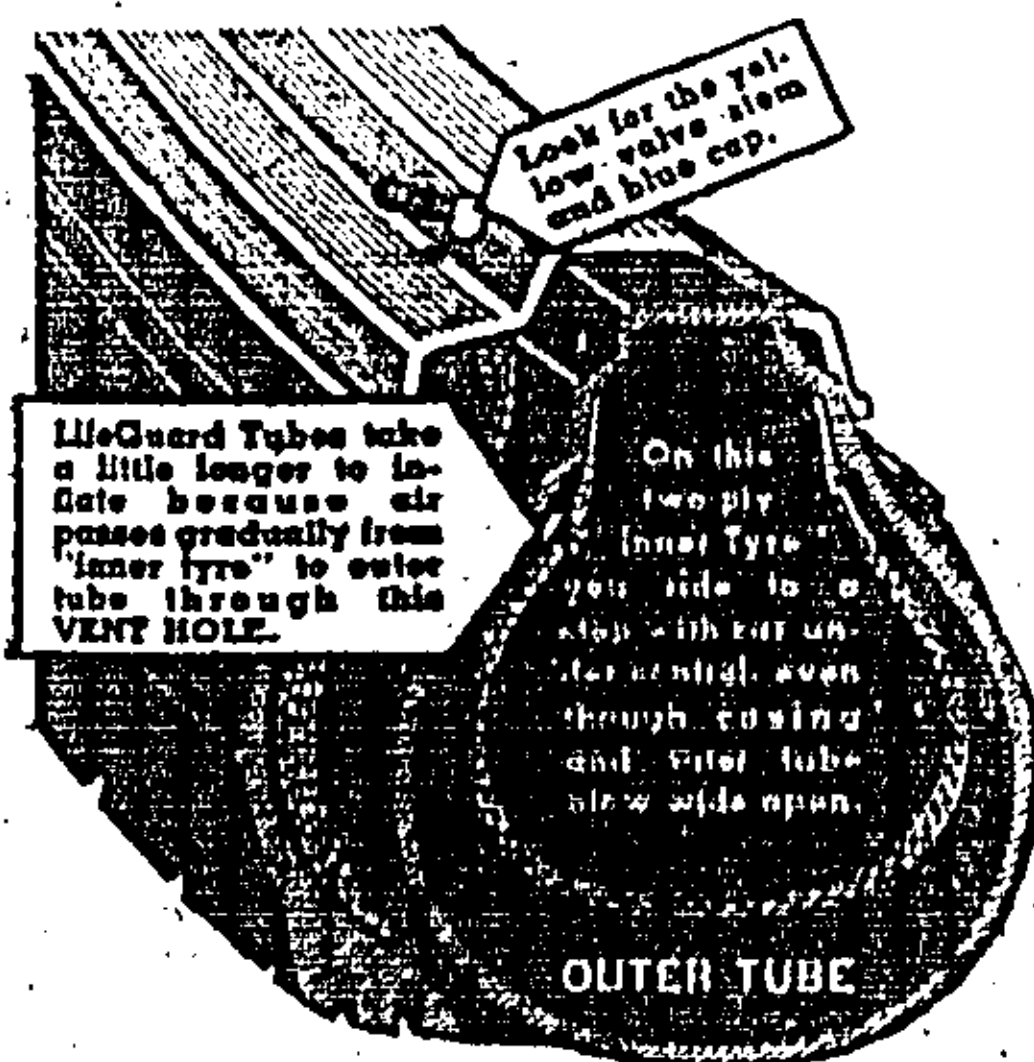
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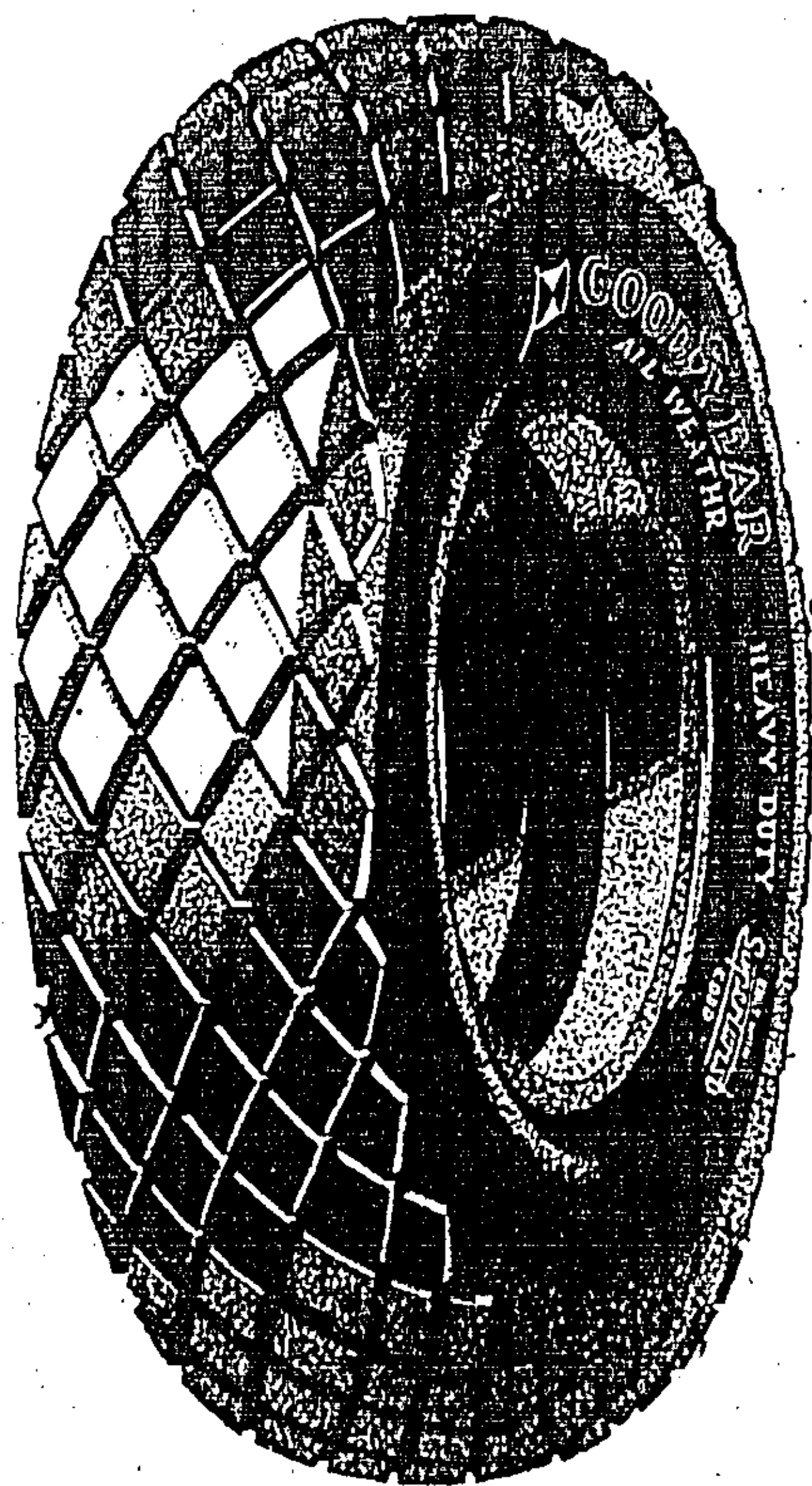
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### WAR WITHOUT WEAPONS

(Continued from Page 6.)

the world ever since the successful  
Bolshevik Revolution.

And whether we think it good or  
evil we must yet admire the consistency,  
the genius for creating trouble  
which seems to be so rife in the minds  
of the Soviet propagandists.

History books of the future will  
teach with a certain amazement of  
the extraordinary methods of the  
Soviets. They will tell how Russia,  
in our time, maintained an army of  
two million men for the protection  
of her frontiers and the domination  
of her own peoples. They will tell  
how this army was not used for  
aggression because it was not necessary  
to use it. They will tell how  
Russia evolved another method of  
carrying war outside her own  
boundaries—the method of propaganda,  
by which she has managed during  
the last ten years to set the greater  
portion of the world by the ears  
whilst herself remaining untouched.

### Sinister Spectator

The historian of 2050 will tell how  
successfully Russia managed to get  
other armies fighting whilst she looked  
on watching and waiting for an  
opportunity to create further mischief,  
to sow more seeds of revolt and rebellion  
on such ground as was still peaceful.

Whether we agree with the Russian  
doctrine—if such it can be called—or  
not, we must admit that the men who  
have evolved this system are not  
fools. Rather they are men of  
brilliance and genius, and if that  
genius seems to exist merely for the  
purpose of equipping trouble to others.

Intelligent men and women  
throughout the world have realised  
that the war of propaganda has reached  
its zenith. The time has come  
when teaching of goodwill must go  
out to a war-weary world, that the  
peoples of the earth will not and must  
not tolerate this continuous sapping  
of the mental vitality of nations by  
the spoken and written words, by  
wireless, and by every other insidious  
method possible.

As I write the news has reached this  
country that yet another country has  
gone anti-Communist. Brazil, under  
its new Constitution, is the first State  
in South America to take this step.  
It needs no great intelligence to see  
the reason. Brazil, far removed from  
the frontiers of Russia, and no possible  
menace to that country, finds it  
necessary to counteract the Soviet  
propaganda factory which has tentacles  
even in this South American State.

### Giving Statesmen a Chance

Recently Kerenky, former Russian  
Premier, was forced to complain to  
the French authorities because the  
very telephone wires in his house in  
Paris had been tapped by the agents  
of the Soviet posing as telephone  
service employees. The Moscow  
propaganda department found it  
necessary to listen-in in Paris, and  
so the job was done!

It has been said that when propaganda  
by opposing forces reaches  
its zenith it cancels itself out. If  
this be so, then men and women of  
goodwill will hope that the zenith of  
Communist and Fascist propaganda  
has been reached. In the war in  
China, in Spain, the allied liberties  
of Russia, Germany, and that during  
the next few years even the sincere  
protagonists of the creeds—if there  
are any sincere ones!—will be satisfied  
and relax, so that real statesmen  
may, through trial and tribulation,  
find a way towards lasting peace.

Dennis Wheatley

### RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

10.03 Selections from Wagner's  
Operas.

'Lohengrin'—Prelude, . . . London  
Symphony Orchestra; 'Die Meistersinger';  
Siegfried's 'Erlösung'; 'Die Walküre';  
Doeh: Hat Mann Mit Dem Schuh-  
werk. . . . Ellenbeth Redberg  
(Soprano) and Friedrich Schorr  
(Baritone); 'Tannhäuser'—Venus-  
berg Music (Bachmann), . . . Bruno  
Walter conducting the Royal Phil-  
harmonic Orchestra.

10.23 Light Variety Programme.

Orchestra—Suite Oriental (Poppy).  
Vocal—Lucia (Lisina, Bizio); Little  
Village Green (Hickforth, Strecker).  
The Vagabond Lover (Tenor);  
Vocal—Chiz Moi (Feline-Misra);  
En Se Regardant (Bayle-Delettre).  
Lucienne Boyer; I'm Bettin'  
The Roll On Roamer (Curtis and  
Crumit); Orchestra—By The Swanee  
River—Fantasy (Myddleton); Plan-  
tation Song (Powell); Edith  
Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.  
11.0 Close down.

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### CHINESE CHANGES

FOR MORE EFFICIENCY  
IN EMERGENCY

Hankow, Dec. 27.

Numerous changes in the Chinese  
Government personnel are taking  
place mainly to ensure greater  
efficiency in the present situation.

Kang Tse-hi, commander of the  
Government mobile units in the anti-  
Communist campaigns in Kiangsi, is  
now appointed garrison commander  
of Kiukiang, replacing Chen Lual.

The well-known commander, Chen  
Chen, who was deputy commander-  
in-chief of Chinese forces on the  
golden front and recently reorganised  
the Chinese forces who withdrew  
into Anhwei from the Shanghai-  
Nanking Railway front, is reported to  
be slated for the post of garrison  
commander of the Wuhan area com-  
prising Hankow, Wuchang and Han-  
yang cities.

It is also reported that the fifth  
and sixth ministries of the General-  
issimo's headquarters in charge of  
publicity and mass training respec-  
tively is likely to be amalgamated  
into one ministry to be known as the  
Ministry of Political Affairs. At present  
Shao Lit-ze is the minister of the  
fifth ministry and Chen Li-fu  
minister of the sixth ministry.  
Reuter.

### MINISTERS RESIGN

Hankow, Dec. 27.

According to foreign reports, Mr.  
Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the  
Central Political Council, and  
General Chang Chun, Secretary-  
General of the Council, have tendered  
their resignations.

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Yuan will also submit their resigna-  
tions. Details are not divulged. It  
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ernment will undergo some changes  
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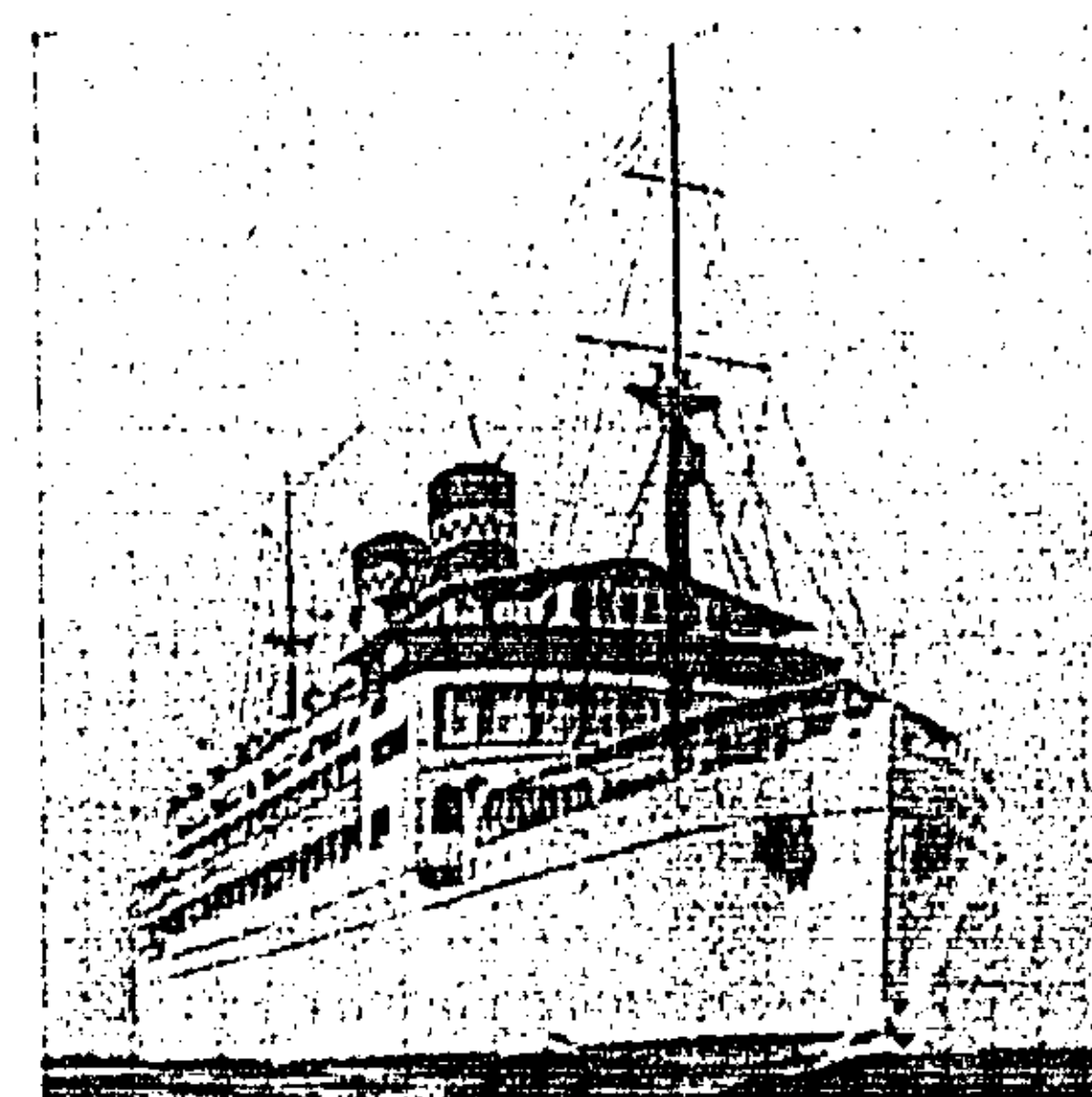
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### CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AND WORLD PEACE

There is trouble again between Czechoslovakia and Germany. Before the Great War Czechoslovakia formed a province of the Austrian Empire, and was inhabited chiefly by Czechs, Slovaks, Germans, Hungarians, Carpathian Russians, Poles and Jews.

Now, of course, it is an independent democracy. There is a total population of about fifteen million, of which three and a half are of German descent.

Herr Hitler has shown himself remarkably solicitous on behalf of these Germans. It is said he uses every opportunity to fan up dissension inside Czechoslovakia. Dr. Krofta, the Foreign Minister has just made another protest about it. He said:

"We will resolutely repulse all intervention in our internal affairs, from wherever it may come... When this is recognised by Germany the existence of our German minority will be no hindrance to the good relations between our countries. I deeply regret that our efforts towards a better understanding with our neighbour have been burdened anew."

The reasons why the Germans are so keen to make things difficult for Czechoslovakia apparently are the following:

- (1) Czechoslovakia is allied to France and Russia. It suits the Germans to believe that these powers are a perpetual threat to their security.
- (2) The German theory of the unity of the 'Volk' or People. This causes them to be very concerned with the date of German minorities everywhere in the world. They desire to focus the attention of Germans everywhere upon the Reich as the "universal provider".
- (3) The fact that Czechoslovakia lies in the way of Germany's ambitions in South-west Europe, the Balkans and the Near East. The German ambition to gain influence over the Danube countries and eventually to colonise in the Ukraine can never be realised with such an unrepentant francophile democracy in the neighbourhood.

Czechoslovakia is bounded by Germany, Poland and Hungary. With all three she is at enmity. With Germany for the reasons

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What they are really after is best expressed by Professor Julian Huxley, in his short introduction to their essay.

"Science has a two-fold task—to know and to control. Some sort of scientific control of society, in place of the unscientific game of politics and the mere play of impersonal economic forces, is overdue; and we shall not obtain any efficient... control unless this is grounded in adequate knowledge."

"**Mass - Observation...** seems to me of great value; for it does aim at disclosing ourselves to ourselves by the application of scientific methods of observation and record."

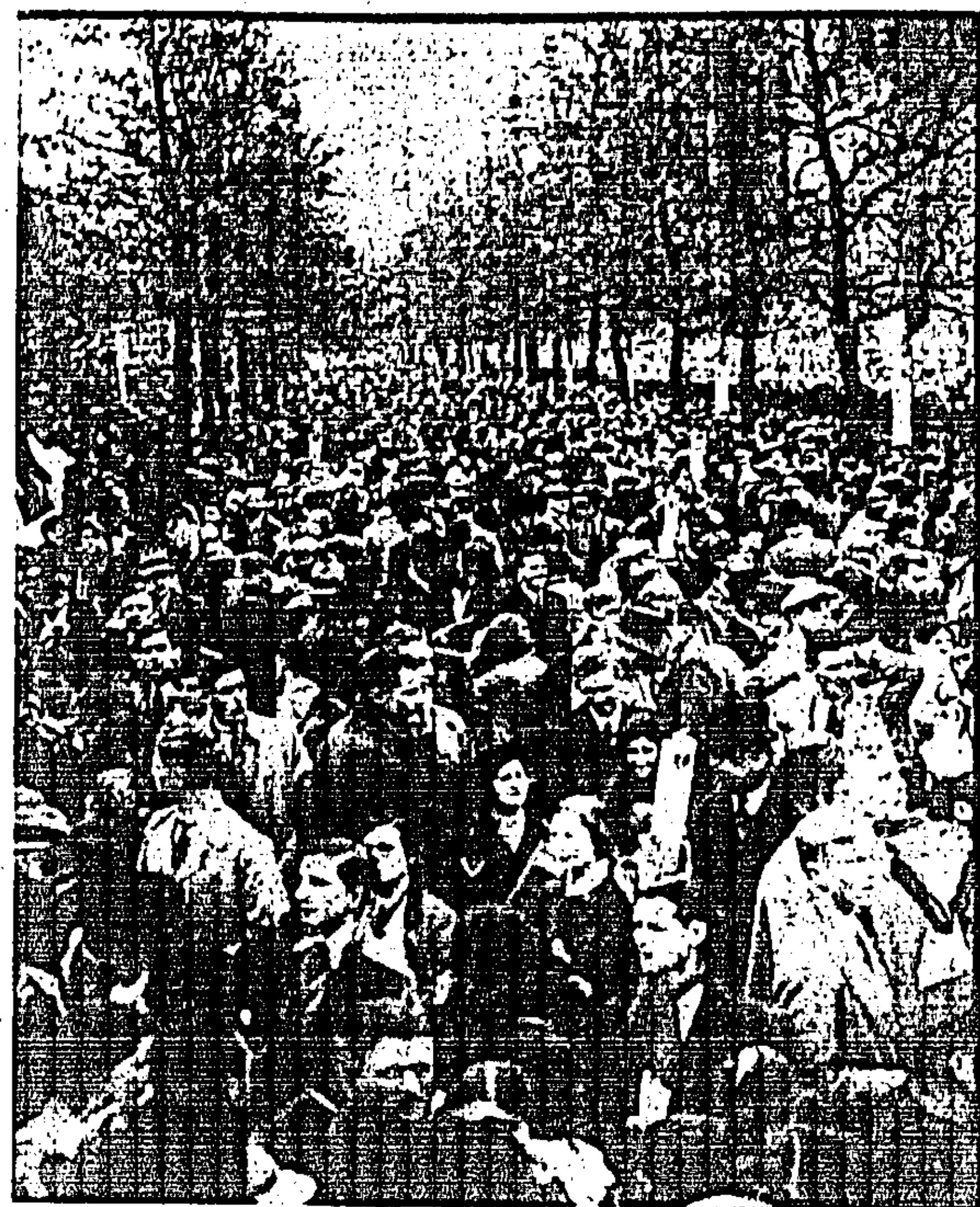
All this may strike you as a bit high to join in for fun. But then professors write that way. Science does not know enough about your and my prejudices, superstitions and behaviour to draw useful generalisations from them, or to predict with fair certainty our reactions to any given set of circumstances.

Science can do all these things very creditably about comets, chemical substances or guinea pigs. Obvious advantages would follow the addition of the British citizen to this list.

"**Mass-Observation,**" hope its inventors will provide science with the broad basis of fact from which to work to this end.

**—Today's Thought—**  
*"The preservation of health is duty. Few seem conscious that there is such a thing as physical morality."*  
—HERBERT SPENCER.

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"No one could escape from the Coronation."

Observer's personality, a report of them must be scrappy, partial, and quite "unscientific."

**Mass - Observation,** however, cheerfully recognises and accepts all this. It is not dismayed that many of its Observers will be as prejudiced as Mr. Garvin's. It asks each one to give particulars of his or her religious beliefs and background, political faith and so on in order to discount, when possible, obvious bias.

In addition, **Mass-Observation** knows that its reports will all show partiality in one way or another. But by obtaining a great number it believes it can thereby arrive at a pretty clear idea of the actuality on which the Observers worked.

Already one large scale test has been made. Some hundreds of Observers studied the Coronation from all angles. Their reports have already been digested and will soon be published by Messrs. Faber as a book, with the title **Mass-Observation: Day Surveys.** Much of the MS. for this book I have been allowed to see.

No one could escape from the Coronation. Its propaganda, celebrations and emotional "upset" reached every citizen.

Therefore it was almost ideal as a test on which **Mass-Observation** could base itself. The Observers

ranged from a Gold Staff Officer on duty in the Abbey to a very self-conscious Left Winger who tried—unsuccessfully—to escape from the whole thing and who countered "God Save the King" by the "Internationale."

I do not think I should quote from the Observers' reports on the Coronation, although there is more rich fun and human interest in them than I have found elsewhere for years. But when the book is published I certainly hope to show "Daily Herald" readers why they should buy it by a review full of quotations.

These Coronation reports prove that the idea and methods of **Mass-Observation** do work and are valuable. That is why I mention them here.

On Wednesday I went to the Derby, and I tried to do a little **Mass-Observation** myself at Epsom. I found it tremendously interesting, though it interfered with amateur fumbings to find a winner.

Why do men and women cheer a horse on to victory although they will lose money by its success, just because those who are financially interested begin the cry? Why did I feel disappointed that I didn't see the King come to the front of the Royal Box and wave his hat to the cheering crowds greeting? I have seen him perhaps thirty times, several since he succeeded his brother. It was not disappointment of unsatisfied curiosity. It was the echo of some primitive tribal emotion in my heart.

**Mass-Observation** would like to know, for example, if many people at Epsom shared my disappointment. A digest of some thousand reports on Derby Day would be nearly as valuable as that on the Coronation.

Try a little **Mass-Observation** on your own account this week-end. If you find it as interesting as I do, write to G. Croto's Buildings, Blackheath, S.E.3, and ask for more particulars.

They will tell you how to become an Observer, and ask you to help in the investigation of this or that problem.

As they say in their pamphlet: "It is essential that **Mass-Observation** should recruit from all classes, from all localities, and from every shade of opinion. Only those who are afraid of knowing the facts or of letting them be known will refuse to co-operate or prove awfully hostile."

A very sensible and most interesting pamphlet on the whole. But it would make one point against it.

Madge and Harrison want active help from all of us. They want us to do something for them. Yet they put in bits like this: "Perhaps the two functions—displaying the world and classifying it—are for the time being no longer divisible. In certain branches of science and of art the individual scientist or artist becomes absorbed in a collective activity which is purely human in type, and which excludes neither of the two categories."

This is too much for me, and I expect also for a great many more of us. The inventors of **Mass-Observation** should tune their appeal more closely to the masses.

T. D.

## WAR WITHOUT WEAPONS

### Propaganda—An Insidious Prison

DURING the last fifteen years the word "propaganda"—so little used in pre-war days—has assumed particular importance.

Each nation, big and little, seems to concern itself in issuing verbally, and through the national and international Presses reams and reams of propaganda, seeking to prove this or to deny that.

The Great War taught the nations the use of this weapon—a weapon more dangerous than the sword, the

stated, with Poland because her rulers have an understanding with Germany, and because of certain minority grievances and trade rivalries, and with Hungary because some of her territory was previously Hungarian, and the Hungarians have great grievances against her.

"If war breaks out between the Fascist and the Democratic countries, it will probably take the form of an artificially stimulated revolt in Czechoslovakia, with most countries intervening," writes Derrick Williams, League of Nations propagandist.

"It will be as well for nations to make up their minds before it starts as to whether they are going to sit down under this too, or whether they will really make the League work this time. It is known for a fact at the British Admiralty that Signor Mussolini would have called off the Abyssinian War had the Suez Canal been closed. The fault was not primarily British. Everyone was to blame. But let us take stock of ourselves."

airplane or the big gun; a weapon more sinister and sometimes more powerful than actual warfare inasmuch as its protagonists have been able, by its use, to poison the minds of millions, to overthrow dynasties, and to weld for themselves into a solid mass the opinions of thousands of people who normally would be unable or unwilling to make their voices heard.

Each day in the newspapers we listen to the propagandist outpourings of the different "controlled" Presses of the world. The German Press, under the leadership of Dr. Goebbels, seeks to spread the Nazi doctrine throughout the world, and, whether we like it or not, has influenced many towards the creed of Hitler, Mussolini, pursuing a different technique, aims to achieve similar objects.

### "Dest" of All

Yet no matter how much we may admire or dislike these two, we must admit that the palm of propaganda warfare must be awarded to Soviet Russia who, during the last ten years, has proved herself to be the mistress of all propaganda, and who has, by means of this weapon, secured results hitherto unknown.

It has been said that the Russian people would never be beaten in war inside their own frontiers and that they would never win a decisive war outside those frontiers. Possibly this is true, and it is also possible that it was for this reason that the powers that be behind the Soviet Government have concentrated during the last decade on providing themselves with a means of attack in other countries, outside their own frontiers,

which, carried to a pitch of near-perfection, may well constitute a menace to the peace of the world.

Very few people like Bolshevism—the Russians certainly do not, for the State as constituted in Russia at the present moment is no more Bolshevik than the State in our own country—and very few people like Fascism, and the countries where these creeds are de rigueur.

We have been told time and again that Fascism is merely inverted Communism, and whether we are prepared to agree with this dictum or not makes no difference to the fact that these warring creeds constitute the greatest danger to the peace of the world, not so much because of the never-ceasing battle of propaganda.

### Warfare by Words

Those people who have studied the question are convinced that Fascism would not have come to Italy, the Nazi doctrine would never have swept Germany had it not been for the fact that the apostles of these dictatorial creeds were able to show the people of these countries that Soviet Communistic propaganda was sweeping the country, preparing the ground for the revolution, the slaughter of brother by brother, which seems to be the logical end of the propaganda of the Third Internationale.

Had it not been for the original propaganda warfare of Russia the present pact "for presenting a united front against Communism" would never have been signed between Germany, Italy and Japan.

No matter whether we consider this pact to be important or not, whether we think it merely another propaganda "stunt" or an armed alliance which may yet threaten the frontiers of Russia, the fact remains that it is existing to-day merely because of the continuous wordy warfare waged by the Soviets through

(Continued on Page 5.)



# KING'S LONG SEARCH FOR A BRIDE

## He Is Handsome And 42; She Is A Moslem Girl

### ROYAL ROMANCE IN THE BALKANS

King Zog, handsome 42-years-old autocrat of Europe's smallest kingdom, Albania, is believed to have found a Moslem bride — after seeking a wife for ten years.

More than a dozen times this monarch's name has been linked with that of some distinguished woman.

A baroness was said to have killed herself for love of him.

Once he risked his life and narrowly escaped assassination for the sake of a pretty woman's company. Diplomacy has striven to unite him with one or other European ruling house.

His religion has always been the great barrier; he is a Mohammedan, so are a majority of his subjects. Once a plot was hatched by the father of a girl he was alleged to have intended to marry, and a national revolt was only just nipped in the bud.

King Zog is a king of paradox. Known to the world as the "Bachelor King" he had actually experienced marriage and divorce before he came to the throne. His wife was of his own faith, daughter of the chieftain Chekvet Bey.

While he was Republican President, from January 1925 until September 1928, he wore splendid uniforms and held "court" lavishly. When he became king, with Mussolini's support, he wore simple khaki.

Then began his search for a bride. But Albania's throne is a dangerous one. Blood-feuds are still an Albanian custom.

So there was still an empty throne in his villa-palace.

#### CENOTAPH TRAGEDY

On Christmas Eve, 1933, a beautiful but penniless Albanian woman, of noble family, collapsed and died near the Cenotaph in Whitehall. She had poisoned herself.

It was later alleged to have been King Zog's ex-mistress, ousted from favour by an Italian beauty.

She was said to have turned spy, on behalf of Italy, and afterwards come to England with letters from King Zog, which she sold to the King's agents.

It was later officially denied that she had ever been a spy or had ever known King Zog. But the inquest was held in secret.

Next, King Zog sent his personal adviser to America to look for "a beauty of wealth and sweet temper, with a family of long pedigree."

The quest failed. Although he has spent a decade seeking a wife outside his own realm, King Zog has made a law forbidding Albanians to marry foreigners.

Albania waits to see whether he will break his own rule.

### JOY-RIDERS CAUGHT

#### Other Vehicles Disappear

Two dining room boys of the Repulse Bay Hotel, dressed in smart European suits, Chu Leung and Yeung Hung, were charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with driving car No. 4602 without a driver's licence in Des Voeux Road Central on Christmas morning and driving the car without the owner's permission.

Traffic Sergeant Dali said that a report was made to the police by Colonel T. W. Hayercraft that his car had been stolen from Repulse Bay. At about 1.45 a.m. the Sergeant saw Chu driving the car along Des Voeux Road Central, stopped and questioned him, and then took the man to Central Station. Yeung was on the seat next to Chu.

Yeung pleaded he had only taken a ride in the car with Chu, who had asked him to do so. He was accordingly discharged, as Sergeant Dali accepted this explanation.

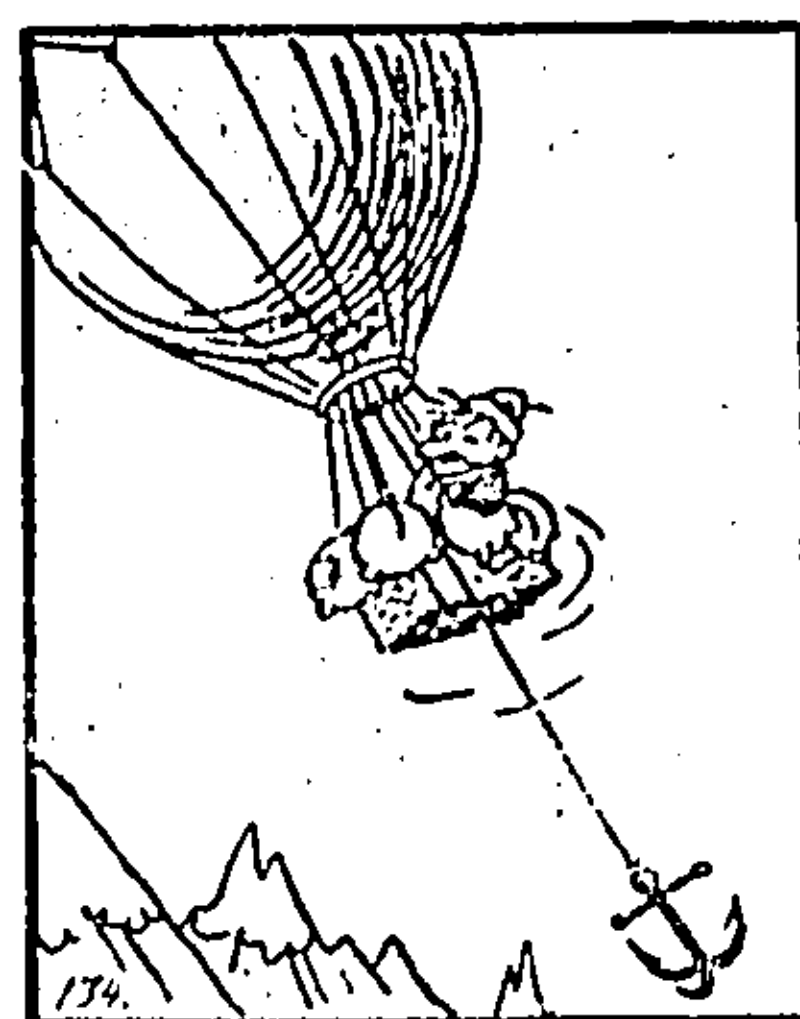
Chu was fined \$10 on the first count, and another \$25 on the second. He admitted he had a few drinks, and took the car as he was in a hurry to get to town.

#### CARS TAKEN AWAY

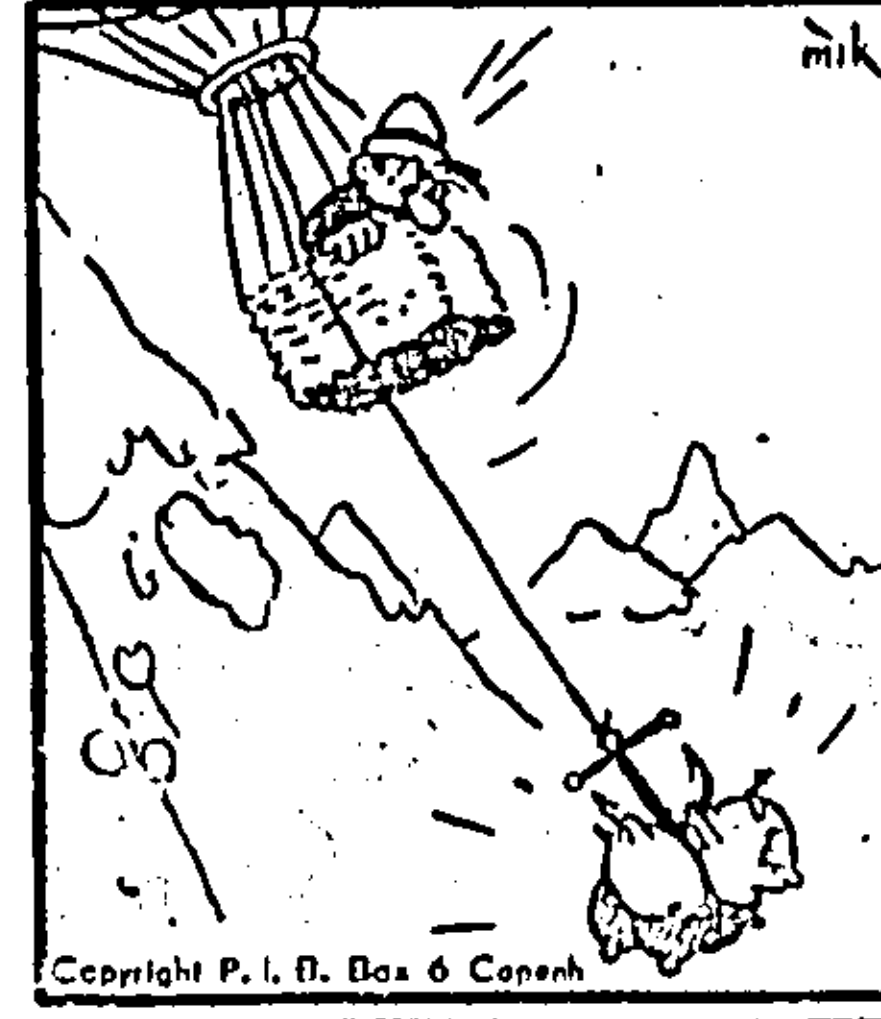
##### Three Vehicles Disappear During Holidays

Several motor cars were reported missing from various car parks in the Colony during the week-end. Mr. J. McKelvie, of Kowloon Docks, lost his car, No. 1055, from the Gascoigne Road car park, while Mr. L. A. Silva, of 20 Kimberley Road, reported the disappearance of his car, No. 83, from the same park. Col. R. Macpherson, of 4 Cumberland Road, reported that his hired motor car, No. 2315, belonging to Messrs. Gilman and Co., and valued at \$1,000, was taken from the Salisbury Road car park.

#### Ferdinand



#### Throwing his Ballast



### RANKS THINNED OF GREAT WAR 19 YEARS AFTER

Only 4 Of Generals Alive; Half Of Veterans Still Remain

(By Ralph Heinzen)  
United Press Staff Correspondent

Paris. Nineteen years after the signing of the Armistice, in the forest of Compiègne, which brought the World War to a close, only four of the hundreds of great soldiers who commanded the armies in conflict, are still alive. John J. Pershing, Henri Pétain, Eric Ludendorff and Anton Denikin.

A survey of military statistics showed that the soldiers themselves fared better, and that out of the 22,000,000 men who went to war more than 11,000,000 veterans of that conflict still are alive.

Of the great political personalities on both sides of the war, only three remain alive—David Lloyd George, Newton D. Baker and Francisco Mith. Only three of the score of rulers who sat on thrones or in presidential chairs during the war are still alive, and two of them, despoised by their subjects, are alive in solitary exile—Wilhelm II of Germany and Ferdinand of Bulgaria. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is the only ruler of wartime who is alive and still on a throne.

The toll has been heaviest among the generals who commanded the armies of millions of fighting men. Most of them were old in the service when the war started, and 20 years having passed since they won glory on the battlefields, those who have survived have abandoned active military careers.

#### PERSHING IN FRANCE NOW

Three of the four great surviving generals are in France to-day. Pershing, Pétain and Denikin. Pershing, now 77, has had an active year in France as chairman of the battle monuments committee which built the granite shrines on the American battlefields, which were dedicated these past weeks to posterity. Pétain is the oldest of the survivors, 81, and still sits on the French Superior War Council. Denikin, now 65, is the unhappy survivor of the high command of the White Russian army after having commanded the Russian army against the Central Powers on the Rumanian front. He lives in exile at Versailles, near Paris, and has wholly withdrawn from political and military activities and shuns any attention which might earn for him the fate of Generals Koutliof and Miller. Ludendorff lives in retirement in Munich, where he heads the German nationalist movement.

None of the chief delegates who signed the Armistice is alive—Foch, for France; Admiral Wester Wemyss, for Britain's First Sea Lord; Erzberger, secretary of state, General von Winterfeldt and Count von Oberndorf for Germany. Erzberger was executed a few years later. France's General Weygand, Germany's naval Captain Vanselow and Staff Captain Von Geyer, and Britain's Captain Marriott, who were aides-de-camp in attendance at the signing of the Armistice in Foch's dining-car in a clearing in the forest at Reims, are the only survivors of those who witnessed that historic ceremony.

#### FEW TREATY SIGNERS ALIVE

Of the major personalities who signed the consequent Versailles Treaty, only 11 are alive, including David Lloyd George, Col. Edward M. House, Andre Tardieu, South Africa's two generals, Jans Smuts and Balthus, Belgium's Max Hymans and Emil Vanderveld, Ignace Padewski and Dr. Edward Benes.

Of the great field commanders, Hindenburg, Von Bulow, Von Moltke, Von Kluck and Von Tirpitz, of Germany, have died, as have Foch, Joffre, Nivelle, Fayolle, Lyautey and Mangin, of France; General Jacques, Belgian commander in chief; General Diaz, who led the Italian army into the war; Haig, Byng, Beatty, Jellicoe, Kitchener, Allenby and French, of Britain; Poland's Pilsudski; Austria-Hungary's great chief of staff, Huttenlocher; Russia's Grand Duke Nicholas, Wrangel and Brusilow. Of the political personalities, Wilson, Clemenceau, Poincare, Bonar Law, Asquith, Balfour, Orlando, Masaryk and Czar Nicholas, King

### Mob Forced Girl On Her Knees Before Priest

In the lonely country of Co. Mayo, in the extreme west of Ireland, a pretty girl of twenty-five was dragged by a mob through a mile and a half of bog road, and forced on her knees before a priest to vow that she would stop seeing a married man.

The girl was in the man's car when the attack was made. No attempt to interfere was made by the authorities.

And at Ballina, the girl—Miss Mary Stokes—was awarded £75 slander damages and costs against one of the ringleaders of the mob.

The story, one of the strangest that have yet come out of the Irish Free State, was told in the court of Judge Wyse Power.

The kidnapping was not denied. No attempt was made to justify it. Miss Stokes claimed damages from a forty-two-year-old farmer, Peter McDonagh, of Geesalah.

Her case was that in Geesalah dispensary McDonagh alleged that Miss Stokes lived immorally in London and came home to do the same thing.

Counsel for Miss Stokes said that while she was going to Geesalah with her sister she met a married man named Heneghan in a motor-car.

A crowd surrounded the car and pulled Heneghan out.

PRIEST ASKED HIM TO KIDNAP HER

Miss Stokes escaped, but she was pursued by the mob, armed with sticks, and dragged about a mile and a half along a bog road.

In the course of this she fainted. She was then thrown across a bicycle, and carried in that way back to the motor-car. Then, with Heneghan, she was taken to Belmullet.

There they were brought before a Roman Catholic curate, who made Miss Stokes go down on her knees and promise never again to go with Heneghan.

This, said counsel, was an admitted fact. He added: "I cannot refer to the lack of subsequent criminal proceedings without stating that it is one of the greatest outrages that ever occurred in the circuit, having regard to the fact that it was suggested that Miss Stokes should be medically examined."

Miss Stokes, in evidence, said that McDonagh was the leader of the mob.

When she was brought before the priest Father Munnely put her down on her knees and made her promise she would never go into Heneghan's car again.

He said that if she did "the Lord would coffin her."

Then she had to make the vow. Mr. Connolly, for the defence, said that the kidnapping of the girl, and bringing her before the priest, indicated a rather unusual state of affairs that might not be found except in the more remote parts of the west of Ireland.

But he defended the case entirely on the submission that McDonagh did not use the words alleged.

McDonagh, in evidence, agreed that he was one of the kidnappers. He said that he had been asked by Father Farrell, the Roman Catholic curate in Geesalah, to bring the girl to Belmullet.

He denied that he was suggesting that the girl was living an immoral life, but it was in the minds of the public that she was keeping company with a married man.

McDonagh said that it was only in the eyes of the public that Miss Stokes was doing wrong.

GIRL STRUCK MEN ACROSS FACE

It was Heneghan they took to the priest and the girl came along with him. Father Farrell was the ringleader of the mob.

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12.55 Pau Casals (Piano). Menuet (Haydn, arr. Piatelli). 1.30 Time and Weather. 1.03 Spanish Music.

Alre Andaluz (Lucena). Cordoba Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Jose Pablos. (Cuenca and Albeniz); Cadiz (Cuenca and Albeniz); Conchita Velazquez (Mezzo - Soprano); La Habanera (Lucena). Cordoba Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Jose Pablos.

1.25 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements. 1.40 Relay of the Rotary's Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

2.15 Close down. 6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme. 7.0 Dance Music.

Tangos—El Payaso Del Corazon Portido; Le Tue Carezze. Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. From St. Andrew's Ground, Birmingham.

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8.15 London Relay—"Ann And Harold".

by Louis Goodrich. Their Honey-moon; Their Only Quarrel; The Christening. Production by Howard Rose.

8.45 Marek Weber and His Orchestra. The Caravan (Characteristic Sketch) (Bayer, arr. Leopold); The Coolies Of Sumatra (Jessel); Chinese Fairy Tales (Characteristic Sketch) (Dreyer, arr. Yoshimoto); In The Temple Of The Bells (Study From Peking) (Yoshimoto).

9.0 Studio—Recital by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) and The Very Rev. Father Riganiti (Piano).

1. (a) Che faro senza Euridice ("Orfeo"—Gluck). (b) Quando miro quel bel cigno (Mozart). Elvie Yuen (Soprano). 2. (a) Andante from Mozart's Sonata in B Flat Major. (b) Minuetti I and II from Mozart's Sonata in E Flat Major.

The Very Rev. Father Riganiti; (3) A Faith in Spring (Schubert). (b) The Secret (Schubert). Elvie Yuen; 4. Little Scherzo in D Flat Major (Schubert). The Very Rev. Father Riganiti; 5. Voci di donna o d'angel ("Gloconda"—Ponchielli).

Elvie Yuen. 9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Rubinstein at the Piano. Polonaise-Fantaisie No. 7 In A Flat Major, Op. 61 (Chopin). (Continued on Page 5.)

### INCREASES IN TAXES FRENCH CONCESSION RATES HIGHER NEXT MONTH

Increases in all taxes and rates levied in the French Concession in Shanghai will go into effect on January 1, as it is announced officially.

General increases have been ordered, the advertisements state, in order further to finance the defence system of the Concession, while other additional funds raised by special entertainment taxes will be devoted to the relief of the destitute within the Frenchtown boundaries.

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# MARQUES SAVES PORTUGAL DOUBLE FIGURE DEFEAT

## England's Lively Display In International Cup Match

### MIDDLETON BIG SUCCESS ON LEFT WING

(By "Veritas")

England 4 Portugal 1 (Izzard 2, Laister, Saw) (Beltrao)

CHRISTMAS and its festivities acted as an inspiration, and certainly not a handicap, to England's team in the International Charity Cup match on the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday, and if Portugal had conceded another three goals she could not have accused the fates of harsh treatment. Portugal was a goodly looking team on paper, but it remained a paper team. England, less impressive in print, became a clever, thrushful side which just had to win, despite that first half when at least four open goals were missed, and as many certainties were miraculously saved by Marques in goal.

England fairly dominated, and had Portugal playing second fiddle (not very humbly at that) for nine-tenths of the match. The English forwards were shooting at goal for long stretches, four factors combining to keep the score down to reason. The able figures: bad finishing by England, splendid goalkeeping by Marques, bad luck and desperate defending by Souza, D. Alves, Beltrao and C. Marques.

Much was expected of Portugal, but Portugal offered nothing save disappointment, a remarkably gallant display by R. Marques, the goalkeeper and Souza, though wasted touches by Beltrao. Beyond these two, and occasionally some brave-hearted tackling by C. Marques at left half, the Portuguese played football which would not have given the second division team much reason for swollen heads. The players appeared to be defeated by the pace of the ball on the fast and not too even ground, but although there was a degree of excuse for this in the opening stages, more adaptability should have been shown.

The Englishmen largely overcame the difficulty by swinging the ball about thus minimising the danger of a false run to the ball which short-passing encouraged. But primarily the eclipse of the Portuguese was due to the thorough-going play of the winners, who started off at a whirlwind pace, and (to my surprise, at least) maintained it.

There were patches of very indifferent football, but once the goals began to come, the game brightened, and one discerned improving attempts to ally accuracy with speed and determination. Portugal too played much better once England had scored, and the closing 20 minutes of play were easily the brightest of the whole match.

#### ENGLAND ALL-ROUND STRENGTH

My suggestion made before the game that Portugal would prove to be the better balanced side was completely set at naught. In truth positions were reversed. It was England where one found it hard to remark any profound weakness. The defence was very solid, despite Webster's shaky start. Pile was as safe as houses. The half backs quickly gained a grip on the opposing attack and never relaxed. Bright was a model centre-half, and Bliss and Laister were completely competent.

#### KEPT A GRAND GOAL

Behind them Marques kept a grand goal. He was early in action and until halfway through the second half looked unbeatable. He saved point (Continued on Page 9.)



L. D. Skinner, Club goalkeeper, with his back towards the camera, a club full back and one of the South China "B" forwards have a tussle for the ball. An incident in the league match on the Club ground yesterday which South China "B" won by 4-1. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

### GORGEOUS INNINGS BY ALEC PEARCE

#### Real Holiday Cricket Marks Triangular Tournery Match

(By R. Abbit)

When I had a look at the wicket at about eight-thirty yesterday morning, I felt glad, I was not going to have to bat on it. But save when the ball was pitched very short it was not too bad at the start. The day was nearly perfect, bright sun, but quite a drop of wind about and by no means too hot. In the Club side Marshall and R. D. Allen (up here on a visit from Penang) took the places of Haymes and T. E. Pearce. In the Army side Weeden was not playing—a great loss—and Major Rawthorne took over the gloves from Warre and very well he kept too!

Godby opened the bowling from the Supreme Court and to Richardson, bowling fastish, right hand. The third ball was put prettily behind cover for four but off the sixth the batsman played the same shot at an off ball that those get him out so often. Luckily in this case he missed it. Barron bowled at the end and to Kilbee who took a single off the third ball—rather a sharp run. A rather erratic over from Godby followed and then Richardson hooked Barron to square leg for three—a fine bit of fielding by Coombes saving the four—and Kilbee succeeded fully avoided a shocking long-hop that got up head high. Godby then bowled another maiden. He was keeping most of them outside the off stump (as was Barron) and the batsmen for no reason I can conceive did not seem to be getting them. Seventeen runs came off the over—a seven ball one by the way! Pearce had made 35 in about twenty minutes from that end. However, four singles came from Barron's next over and the ten went up in about twenty minutes!

#### A NEAR THING

Cheney very nearly bowled another maiden. Off the fourth ball Kilbee tried to put one to leg and very nearly cocked it up to square leg. From the last he pushed one hard to deep square leg for a single but it looked a risky stroke. The scoring was very slow but all credit must be given to the excellent placing of the Army field and the excellent fielding of their team. At 17 Kilbee who had never been comfortable had a slash at Cheney and was excellently caught by McLagan who covered the third consecutive maiden from that end. However, four singles came from Barron's next over and the ten went up in about twenty minutes!

#### FAST AND FURIOUS

The rate of scoring had increased amazingly as Richardson was having his share and playing some very nice shots. He did not show the easy mastery of batting which made every shot Pearce played look so inevitable—and so easy! It was pure delight to watch such an innings. McLagan could find no length and Mackintosh-Walker took his place but nine came off his first over. Godby persevered and at 102 Richardson hit a full toss into deep mid-on's hands 102-2-41. The runs had been made in exactly an hour. It was an amazing change as 85 runs had come in 31 minutes!

#### ANOTHER STAND

Marshall is not usually a fast scorer but he has some very nice

strokes and he played a beautiful shot off Godby through the covers for four. Pearce however continued hitting beautifully.

#### BOWLING CHANGES

At 120 Coombes went on for Godby at the Yard end, and Cheney went on. Marshall was dropped off a hot drive from his second ball, when the batsman had scored eleven. At 132 Coombes appealed confidently for l.b.w. against Pearce who had gone right across his wicket, but the umpire ruled 'not out'. Next ball—a leg one—went for four byes—the first of the match. Marshall now began to be 'vigorous' and drove Cheney for a couple of fours, but in trying to get a third he skied the ball and was caught at deep mid off by Mackintosh-Walker (144-3-21 in 63 minutes.)

#### SCORING SLACKENS

When Owen Hughes faced Coombes he square cut his first fall for four but then they unkindly blocked his shot and only a single came from an equally good shot. Coombes was obviously turning them from the off and kept the runs down a bit by bowling short of a length. One very short one got up very high, and it seemed as if the wicket might be crumbling a bit at the Supreme Court end. Scoring slackened until Pearce hit Cheney clean into the first floor verandah of the Supreme Court—an on drive. The next ball went to the off and would have broken a window on the ground floor but for pitching a pillar. Next ball he had another terrific lash at a straight one much too short to drive and was l.b.w. to everyone's regret except the Army! 190-4-01. One run later Owen Hughes was caught at the wicket off Coombes, 191-5-21. Hayward and Allen took a single or two before Allen when the score was 195 made in 111 minutes.

#### AFTER Tiffin

Cheney and Coombes bowled after tiffin and Allen sent the 200 up with a hard off-drive off the latter. He got another with a late cut through the slips. Next over Hayward was l.b.w. in trying to turn Cheney to long leg (207-0-0).

Pearce came in and scored a big single to square leg. Barron then came on for Coombes at the Yard

### HOME FOOTBALL

#### Brentford Has Good Win

London, Dec. 27. Following are the results of today's matches in the English Football League:

ENGLISH LEAGUE		
First Division		
Arsenal	2	Blackpool 1
Birmingham	2	Liverpool 2
Brentford	2	Manchester C. 1
Charlton	3	Chelsea 1
Derby	4	Bolton 2
Everton	3	Leicester 0
Huddersfield	1	Sunderland 1
Middlesbrough	2	Leeds 0
Preston	1	Portsmouth 1
Stoke	1	Grimsby 1
West Brom	2	Wolves 2

Second Division		
Barnsley	3	Luton 1
Bradford	1	Aston Villa 2
Chesterfield	3	Blackburn 0
Coventry	2	Sheffield U. 2
Fulham	2	Burnley 1
Manchester U.	4	Notts F. 3
Norwich	2	West Ham 2
Sheff. W.	1	Plymouth 1
*Stockport	2	Newcastle 2
Swansea	0	Southampton 0
Tottenham	1	Bury 7
*When abandoned after 70 minutes.		

Third Division (South)		
Aldershot	2	Millwall 1
Brighton	2	Clapton 1
Bristol C.	1	Northampton 0
Cardiff	4	Manfield 1
Exeter	2	Crystal Pal. 0
Newport	0	Watford 0
Notts C.	1	Gillingham 0
Southend	2	Queen's P.R. 1
Swindon	0	Reading 0
Torquay	0	Bournemouth 0
Walsall	5	Bristol R. 2

Third Division (North)		
Accrington	0	Rochdale 1
Crawley	0	Hartlepool 1
Doncaster	1	Carlisle 3
Hull	1	Southport 0
Lincoln	4	Darlington 1
*Oldham	1	Port Vale 0
Rotherham	4	New Brighton 1
Tranmere	2	Bradford C. 1
Wrexham	3	Barrow 2
York	5	Gateshead 1
* Postponed.		

IRISH LEAGUE		
Coleraine	3	Ballymena 0
Linsfield	0	Derry City 1
Larne	3	Glentoran 8
Cliftonville	1	Bangor 3
Distillery	2	Portadown 1
Glenavon	2	Newry Town 4
Ards	1	Belfast Celtic 4

### Soccer Tourists' Fine Record In India

A letter from Mr. Thomas Smith, manager of the Ilangton Corinthians soccer team, written from Lucknow, states: Our results in India up to the present are as follows: Won 10, drawn 3, lost 1. The last game was played by a team composed mainly of reserves to enable the first team to rest, after playing six games in the week, the last of which was the international match in which All India were beaten 2-0 before 55,000 spectators at Calcutta. The party consists of twenty-two, including Mrs. Searle, journalist, and Miss Starr, secretary.

### RUGBY

#### Big Holiday Scores

London, Dec. 27.		
The following were the results of the leading rugby football matches played in England to-day:		
Bath	16	Old Blues 3
Bedford	27	Old Paulines 11
Blackheath	20	Sale 13
Bristol	16	Pontypool 3
Coventry	3	Waterloo 8
Gloucester	29	O.M.T. 3
Leicester	16	Birkenhead 11
Llanelli	17	London Welsh 8
Northampton	35	Penarth 3
Richmond	3	Harlequins 8
Torquay Ath.	6	Plymouth 3
W. of Scotland	4	London Scottish 28

Old Cranleigh	28	Merchistonians 0
Aberavon	32	Cross Keys 3
Cardiff	24	London Irish 3
Manchester	11	Headingley 8
Neath	13	Aberllynny 0
Newport	34	Walsantonians 0
Swansea	20	Universities 0

#### FINE POLO FINAL

#### Last Second Score Which Decided Match

The Royal Artillery polo final was played yesterday when the Leopards lost to the Flotsams by the odd goal in seven scored in the very last second of the match.

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In the final chukker Flotsams went ahead for the first time and pressed strongly throughout. Following almost a single venture in attack, Leopards equalised and it appeared that the match would be drawn.

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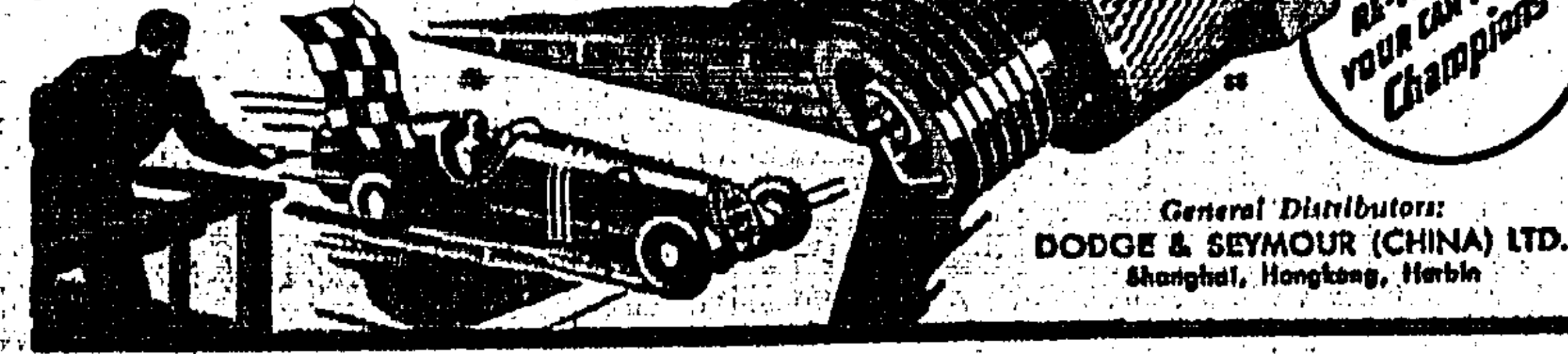
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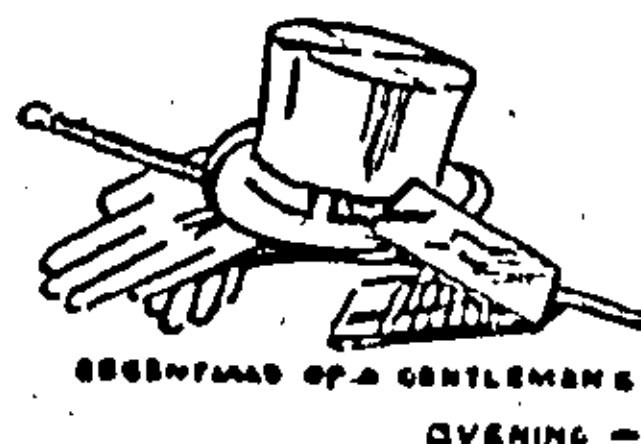


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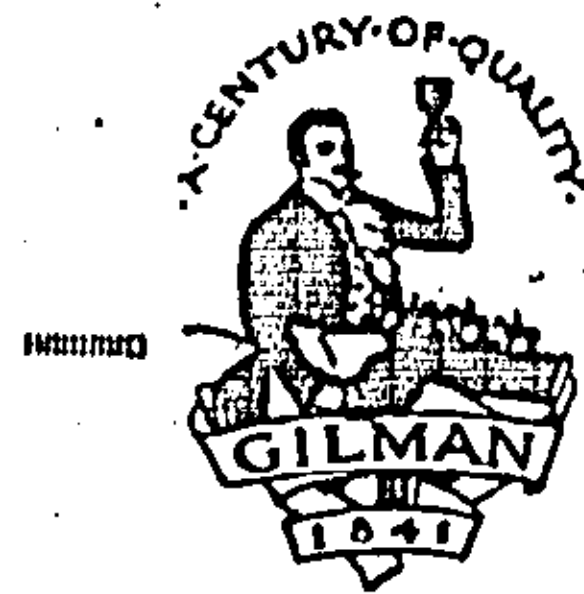
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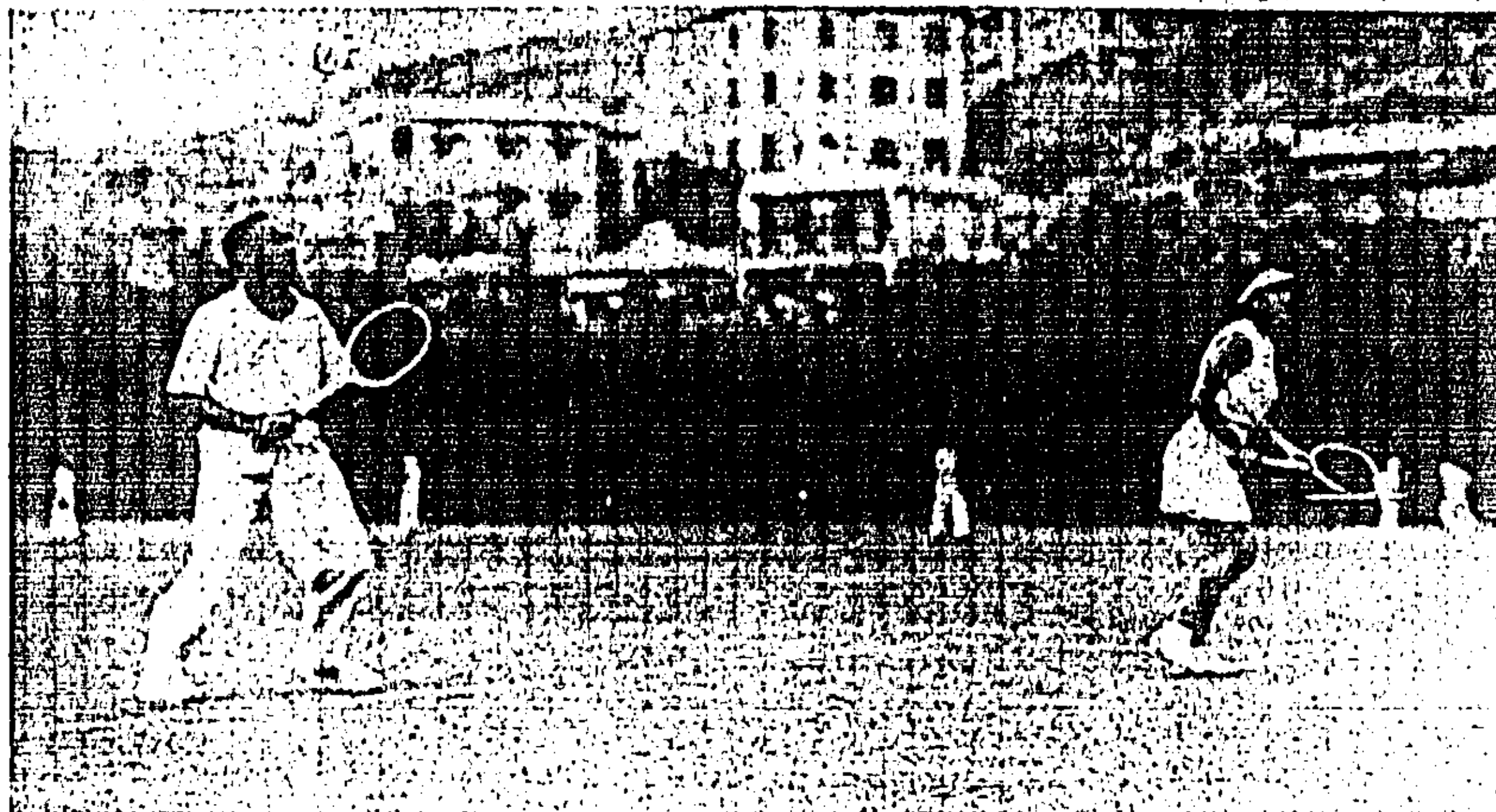
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E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry snapped by the camera in the course of yesterday's mixed doubles championship match in which they beat H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu. (Photographer Staff Photo.)

## Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship

### Fourth Disappointment For Rumjahn And Mrs. Chiu

FINCHER HELPS ROSE PERRY TO  
WIN THIRD TITLE IN THE  
SAME SEASON

For four successive years H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu have reached the final of the mixed doubles championship of the Colony. For four successive years they have been tipped to win, and four successive years they have found the title elude them. Yesterday was their fourth disappointment, when they lost to E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry at the Chinese Recreation Club 3-6, 6-3, 1-6.

This match also marked Teddy Fincher's first success in the mixed doubles championship, and the emulation by Miss Perry of Mrs. Litten's (Enid Lo) achievement in 1932 of winning three titles in the one year—mixed doubles, ladies' singles, and ladies' doubles.

Mrs. Litten and Miss Perry are

the only two players to have accomplished this remarkable performance.

#### GOOD WINNERS

Fincher and Miss Perry were good winners yesterday. They were more purposeful in attack, with Miss Perry creating plenty of openings with her hard and accurate driving which Fincher eagerly seized and turned to good account.

The winners jumped into tip-top form from the opening service and by concentrating on Mrs. Chiu, who in the main replied with lobs of a faulty length, rattled off the first set before Rumjahn had a chance of warming up.

The losers responded well in the second set and Rumjahn found opportunities for becoming more prominent, his cut off volleys and well placed drives at the feet of the incoming opposition counting numbers of points. Mrs. Chiu also improved with added confidence.

But hopes that there would be a hard tussle in the final set were destroyed when Fincher and Miss Perry again took charge of the exchanges and monopolised play to such an extent that they won the first four games and were never in danger. During this period Mrs. Chiu struck a bad patch and errors continually came from her racket. Neither could Rumjahn cover up these mistakes, for Fincher and his partner were very adroit in their placements, and rendered interceptions next to the impossible.

The winners played strongly and with a skilful appreciation of the opposition weakness. This they plied as much as possible and won accordingly.

Fincher gave one of his best displays of mixed doubles tennis, being notably effective overhead and not disdaining to cut in if occasion warranted. Miss Perry was splendidly steady, her forehand driving often being the prelude to a Fincher "kill."

Rumjahn played as well as he was allowed, but he was rather pushed out of the game by the cunning methods of the winners, who saw to it that he did not get too much of the ball. Mrs. Chiu was hardly capable of bearing a burden such as that placed upon her.

## MARQUES SAVES PORTUGAL

(Continued from Page 8.)

blank shots, fierce drives which were heading for the corners of the net and difficult dropping angled shots. Then finally he was beaten by a miscalculation on the part of Izzard—a most unsatisfactory goal, after which he shaped hopelessly for a long and high shot by Laister, the English right half, and was beaten all the way, and before the end was passed by Saw and then again by Izzard.

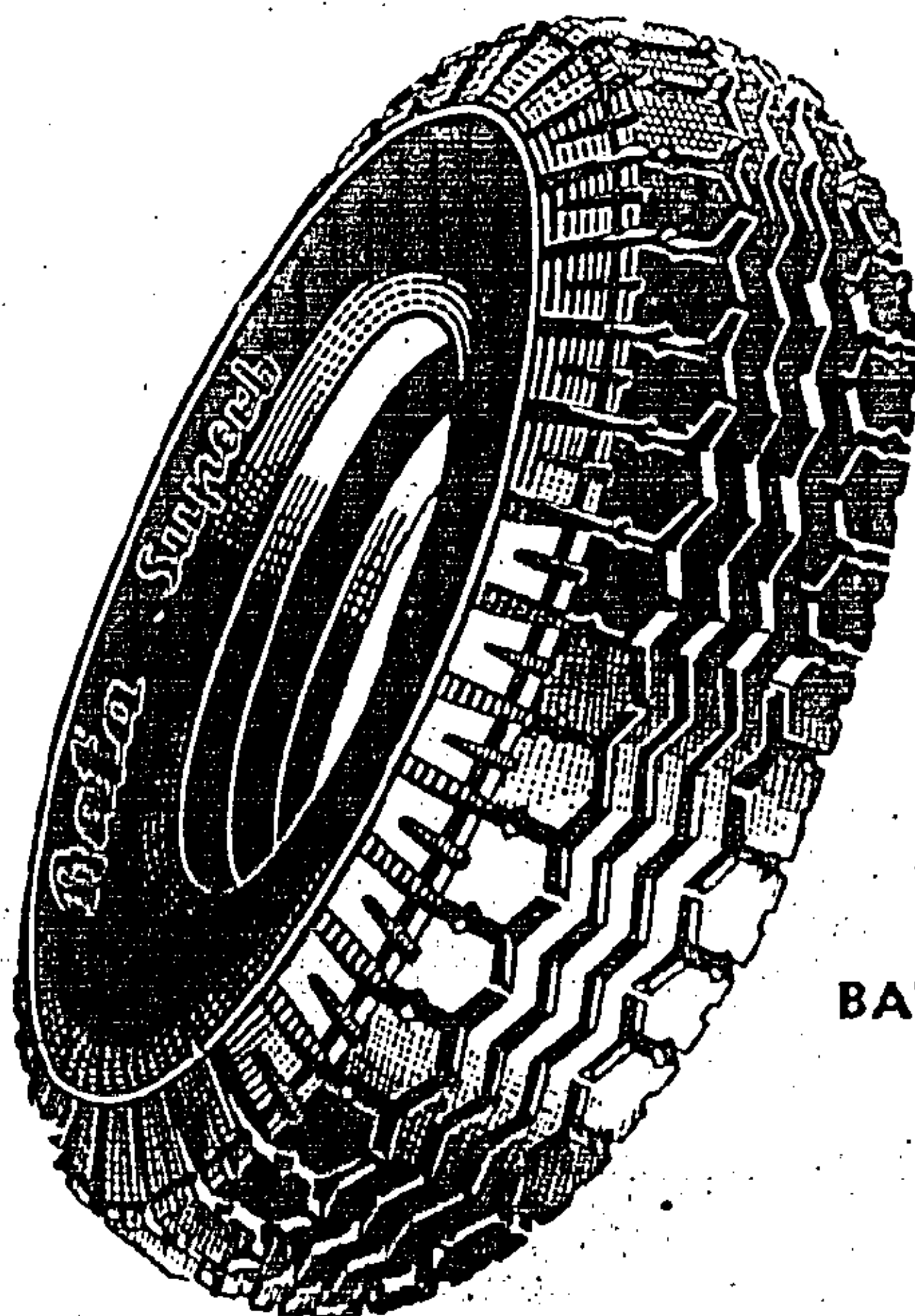
Beltrao scored Portugal's consolation point after he had missed a penalty, striking the upright with a gorgeous shot. Ward should have netted from the rebound, but his shot was wildly directed.

There was a big crowd, the game was played in an excellent spirit, and the affair generally was most enjoyable, with a result fully in keeping with the play.

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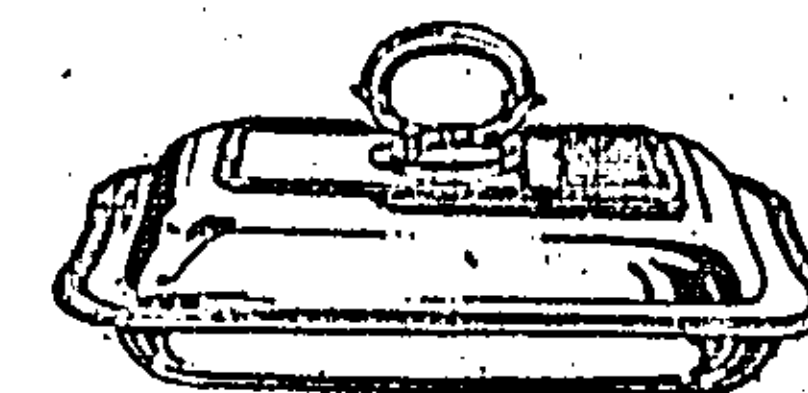
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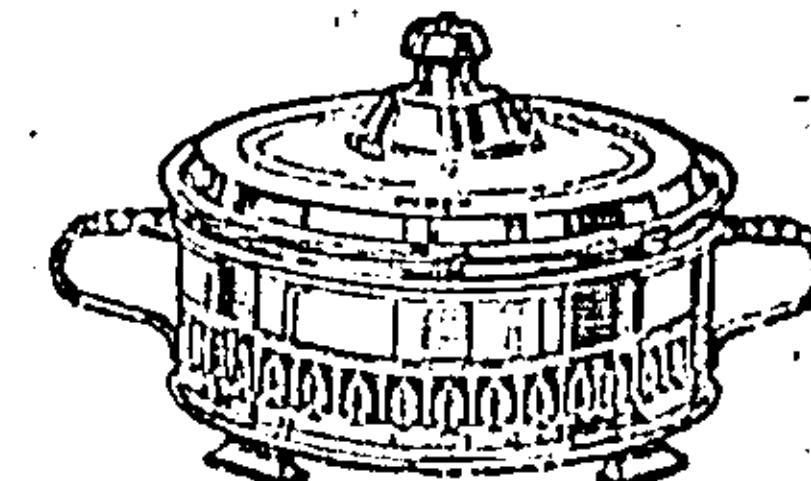


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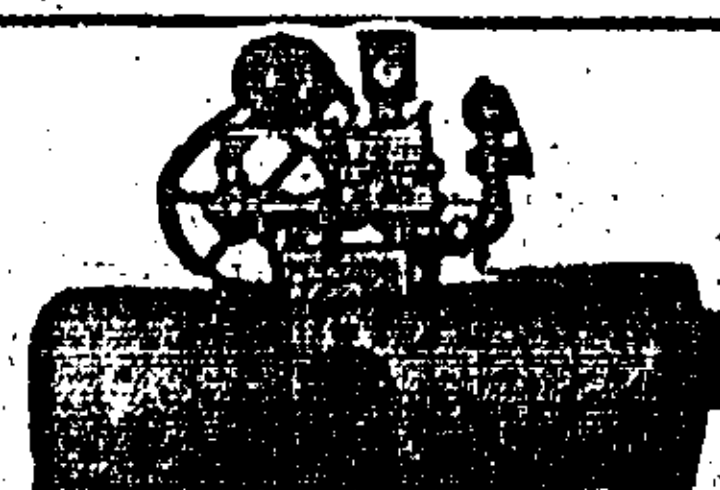
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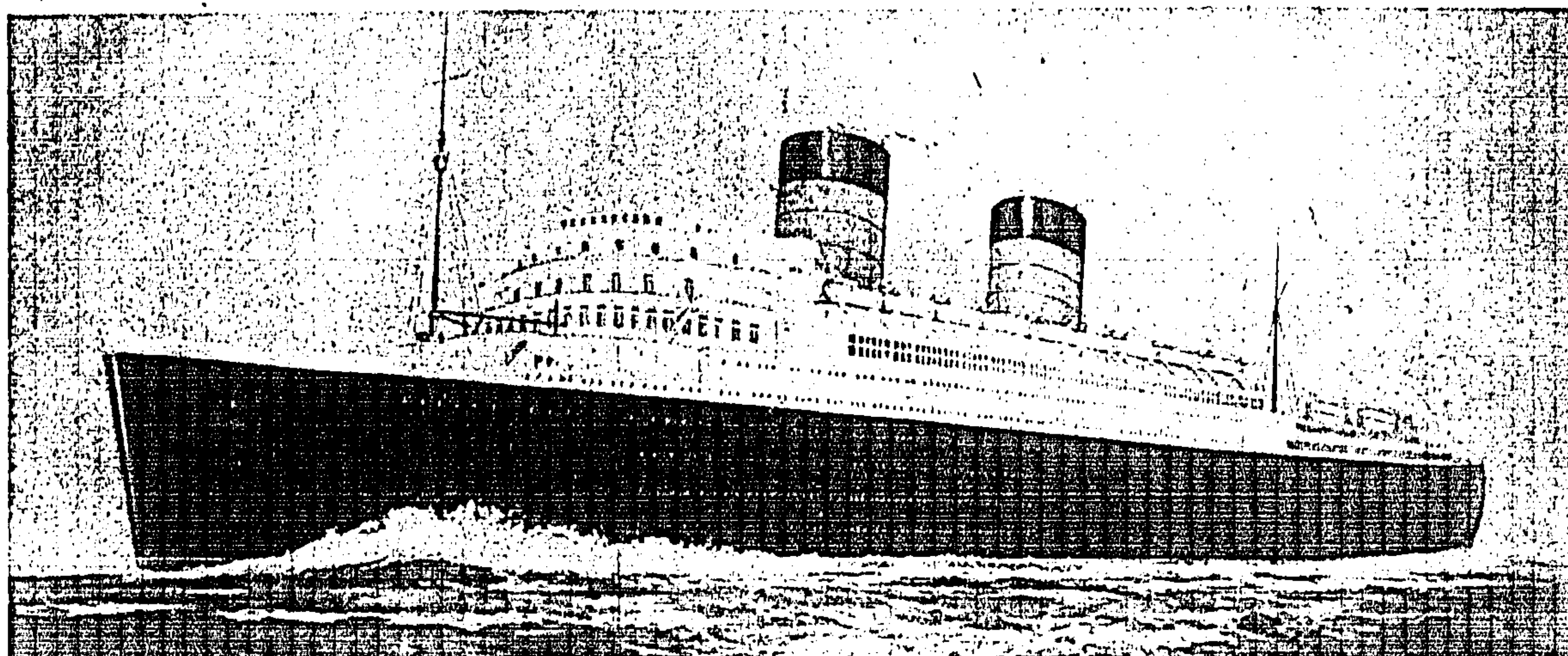


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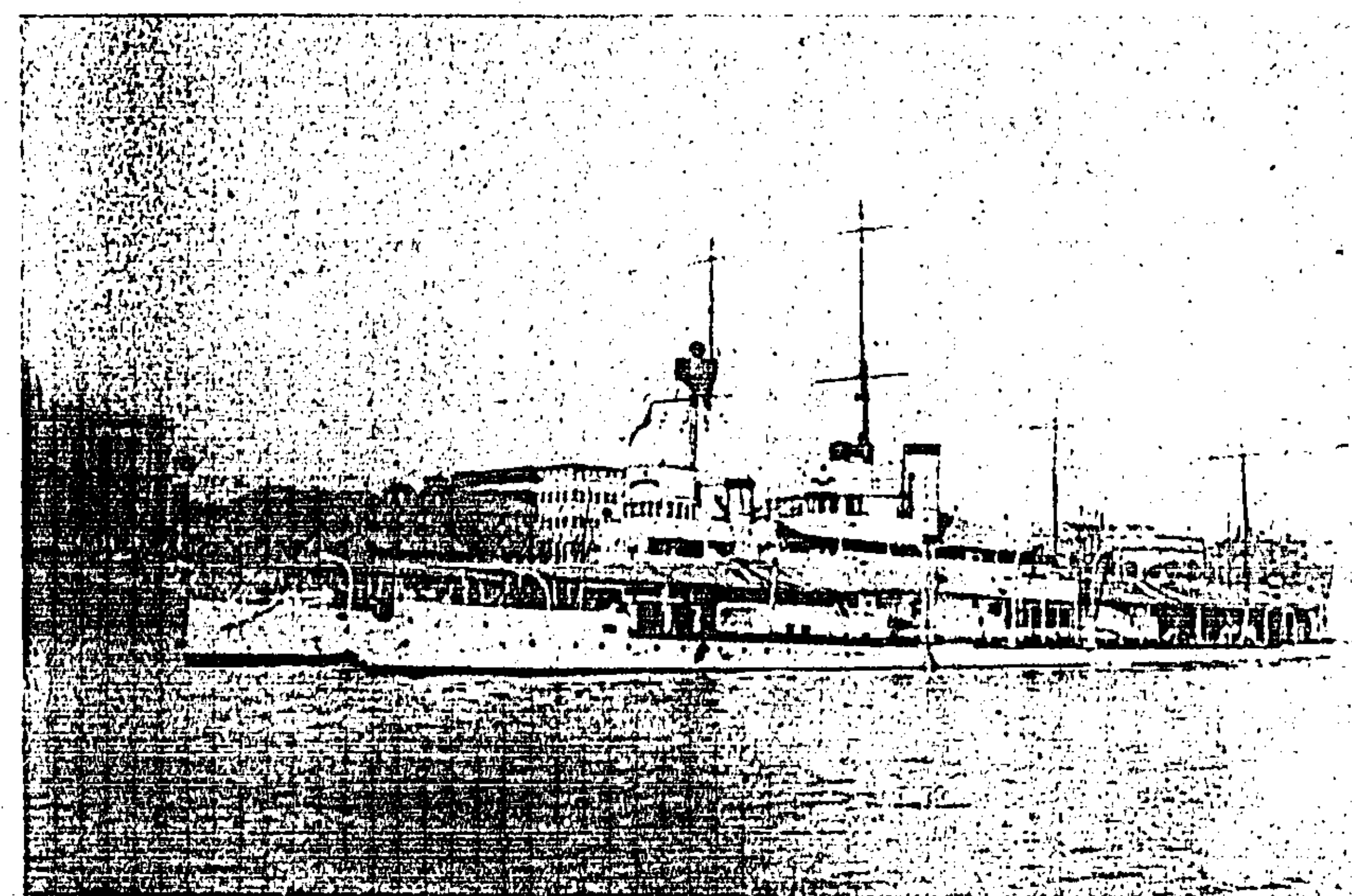
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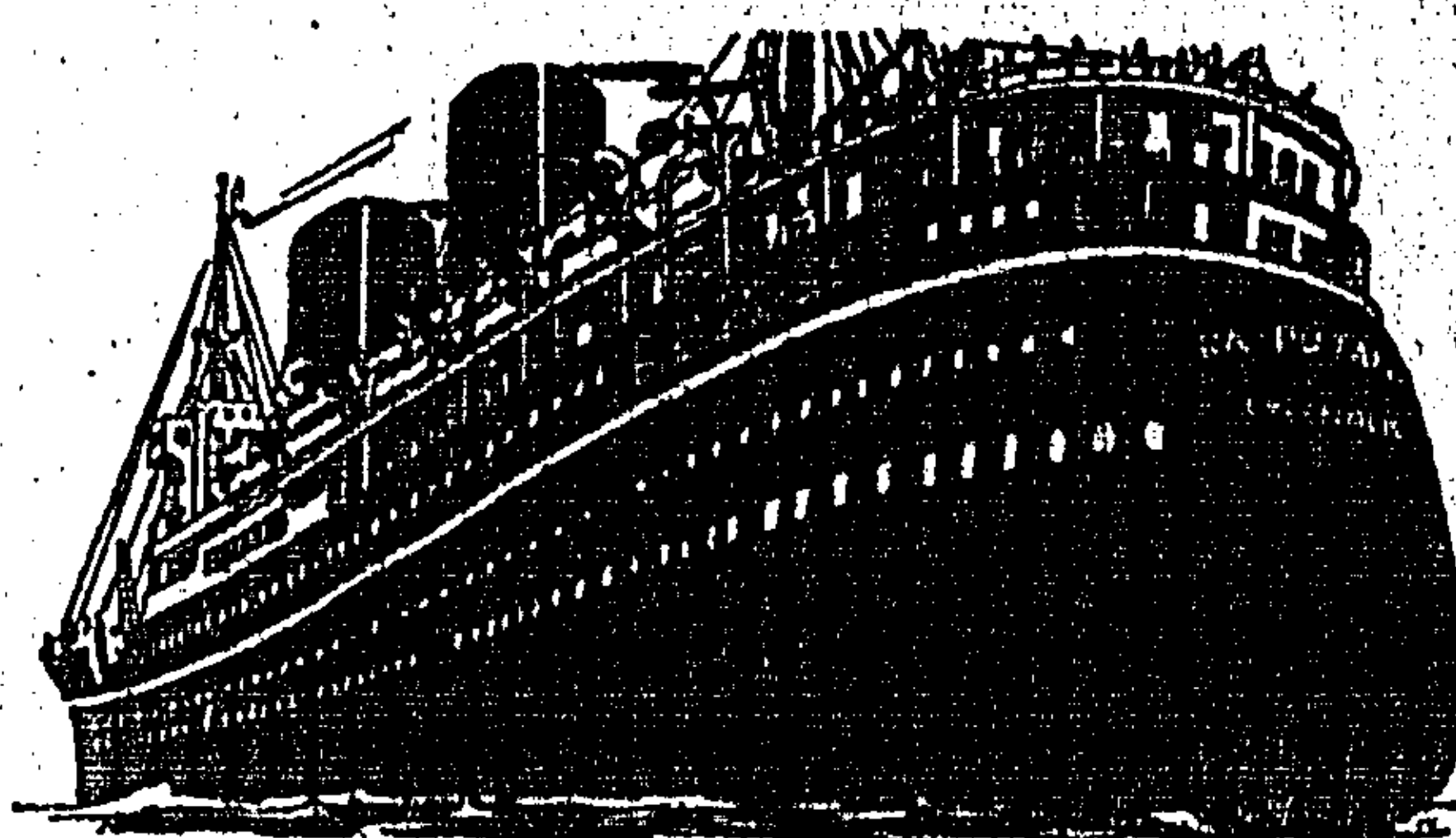
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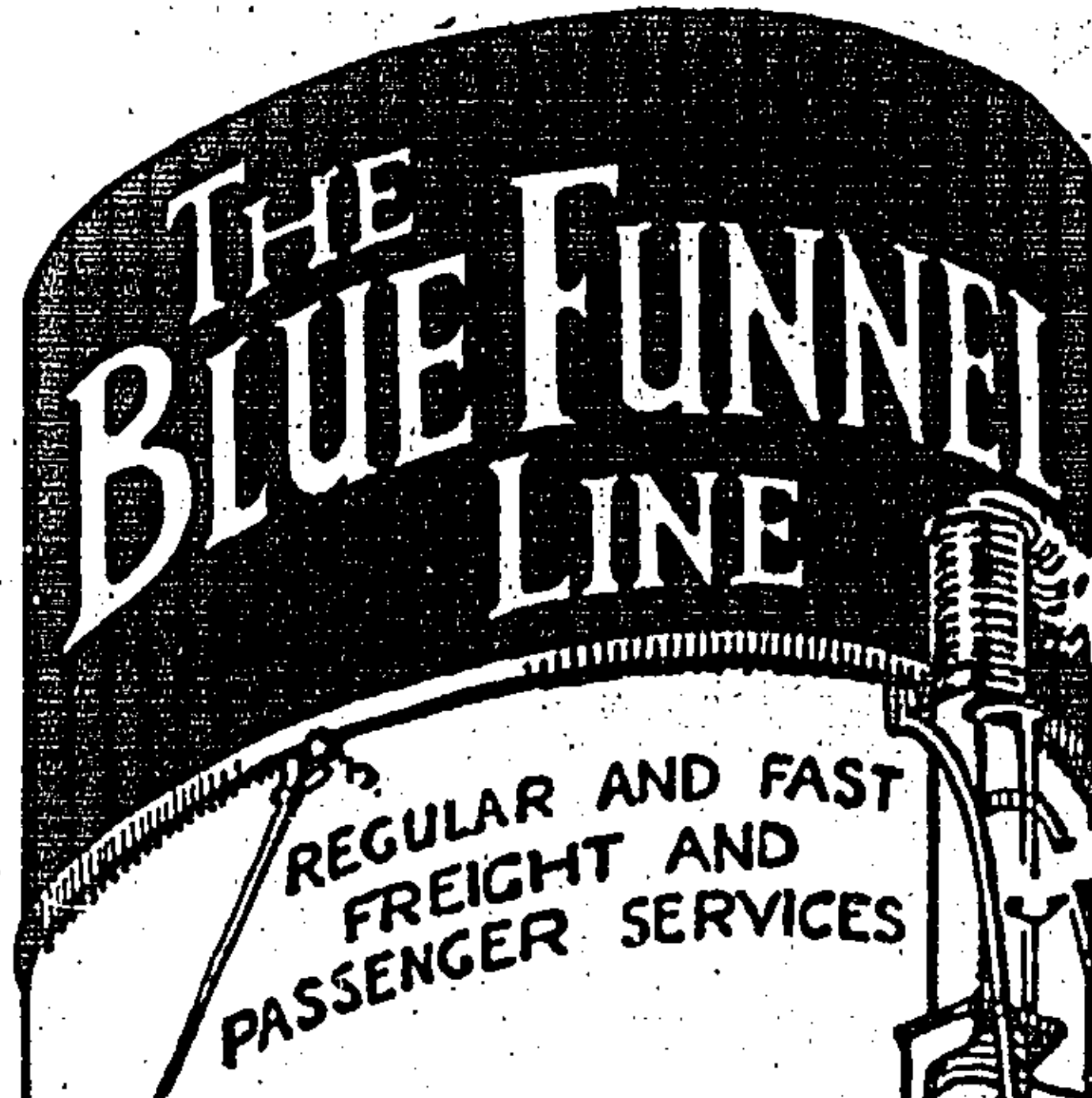
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# SOUND OF SHELL-FIRE AWAKENS MACAO

## FLASH OF GUNS VISIBLE TEN MILES TO SOUTH Near Half-Portuguese Island of Wangcum

Macao, Dec. 28.

At 5.20 a.m. to-day Macao was startled into wakefulness by the heavy firing of guns to the south-west.

The flashes were distinct, showing heavy artillery in action between Wangcum and Sancho Islands, about ten miles away.—Our Own Correspondent.

Reuter's correspondent says the firing was just to the south of Wangcum Island, which is presumably the same as Wangcum. Altogether seven shots were heard, he adds, but does not state what the target was.

Wangcum (or Wongcum) is half Portuguese territory. It is recalled that on Sunday passengers on the Hongkong-Macao steamer observed a considerable concentration of Japanese warships and what they took to be transports about 15 miles north-east of Macao indicating the possibility of intensified activity in that region.

### No Word Of Landing

Canton, Dec. 28.

Nearly two days have passed since Japanese vessels were sighted near Macao and the fear spread that a landing might be attempted, and still there is no official word of it having occurred.

Exhaustive inquiries in Chinese quarters reveal comparative uncertainty at this latest alarm. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the Japanese threat to South China is diminishing rather than increasing and that the Japanese establishments of Canton which closed after the September raids are gradually reopening.

In view of the possibility of the invasion of South China several foreign newspapers have arrived here, including United Press and Associated Press representatives.—Reuter.

### Tsingtao Expects Attack

Tsingtao, Dec. 28.

Observers here believe that the Japanese will converge on Tsingtao by land and sea and they expect fighting to break out very shortly. It is reliably reported that Whitsien, an important railway town between Tsingtao and Tsinanfu was bombed on Sunday, and that a bridge on the Tsingtao side of Whitsien was blown up by Chinese to delay the Japanese advance.

Meanwhile Chinese officials deny the allegations of intentions to blow up the water works. All officials are staying at their posts and the newly appointed Commissioner of Police, Colonel Liao An-pang is remaining at Tsingtao even if the Japanese troops reach the city. With this in view, Colonel Liao is said to have made his will.

Since the laying of the boom across the harbour all vessels are staying in the bay, and passengers wishing to embark are compelled to take sampans. Taking advantage of this, the owners are charging as high as five dollars per person for a trip from the harbour to the bay.

### Blockade Not A Worry

Regarding the inclusion of Tsingtao in the Japanese blockade, the manager of a British shipping firm, when interviewed, said it would not alter the shipping situation at Tsingtao as no Chinese vessels had called there for months.

Despite the tense situation, the foreign community celebrated Christmas as usual. On Christmas night the curfew was not enforced till midnight instead of 7 p.m., as usual.—Reuter.

### Seventh Capital Taken

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Tainan is the seventh provincial capital to be occupied by the Japanese since the start of the hostilities on July 7, the others being successively Paoingfu, the capital of Hopei, Taiyuanfu capital of Shanai, Kwei-shan, capital of Suiyuan, China-kiang, capital of Kiangsu, Hingchow (Continued on Page 4.)

## Silencing Wireless In H.K. Waters

**Radios Must Not Be Used Unless To Avert Danger**

With a view to preventing constant transmission from certain foreign ships here to their home governments the Hongkong Government has tightened up regulations preventing the use of radio apparatus aboard ships in these waters.

Regulations issued under the Telecommunication Ordinance of 1930 prohibited the use of wireless apparatus by all British and foreign ships, except warships, while they were within the harbour limits.

New regulations were issued this morning prohibiting the use of such apparatus anywhere within Hongkong waters.

Immediately ships enter Hongkong water they will be required to close down their wireless installation, which may not be used again until the ship leaves British waters, unless for reasons of safety of life at sea.

## Monopolists Assailed

Washington, Dec. 27.

"Monopolists who have priced themselves into a slump" were assailed by the United States Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. W. K. Jackson, in a radio address to-night, when he declared that he had no fear for the immediate future.

He said: "We are not running into a major depression to-day" but warned that the Government would step in if necessary and if private enterprise could not adjust itself to conditions.

Some quarters view the address as indicating that the Administration will press Congress strongly at the next session for the enactment of the Anti-Monopoly Bill as well as other pending social and economic measures.—Reuter.

### DEATH OF FAMOUS WELSH SINGER

New York, Dec. 27.

The death is announced of Dan Heddoe, the famous Welsh singer, at the age of 74.—Reuter.

### MORE TROUBLE



The troubles in Palestine continue. Troops are constantly searching for arms, as in the picture, stopping everyone in the process.

## Asia Lands Lose Money Due To War

**Disappointing Income From Wharves**

At the sixth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of Asia Lands Limited, held at the Mercantile Bank Building this morning, the Chairman remarked that the Company's main source of income had proved very disappointing, due to the almost complete cessation of revenue caused by the Japanese blockade, with the result that the accounts for the year ending show a loss, \$60,135.

There were present at the meeting Mr. L. Kadoorie, (chairman), Mr. G. Miskin and Mr. J. Fleming, (secretary).

The chairman said, "Before commencing the business of the meeting, I must refer to the death since the last meeting of our lamented colleague on the directorate, Mr. Ko Leung-hoc. He was an original director of the company and his knowledge and experience were invaluable to the board. I feel sure the shareholders would like to be associated with the board in a message of sincere condolences to the bereaved family."

Presenting the annual report, the Chairman said, "The main source of our income, the company's wharves, (Continued on Page 4.)

## STOP PRESS

### ANOTHER SHANGHAI GRENADE INCIDENT

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

A hand grenade was thrown this morning from the Chekiang Road bridge within the British defence sector at a Japanese army launch which was going down Soochow Creek. There were no casualties.

Settlement police arrested the alleged culprit, who was a male Chinese.—Reuter.

## BRITISH NAVY LEADS WORLD

**Admittedly Most Powerful To-day**

Washington, Dec. 27.

The United States Navy League to-day publishes an analysis of the world's fleets and lists Britain's navy the world's biggest.

The publication states that when the present building programme is completed "Britain will have a decisive superiority over the navy of any other power, including the United States."

The League ranks the United States second in the list "but with a deficiency compared with England in all classes, and compared with Japan in some classes."

Drawing attention to Britain's battleships strength, the publication puts it at 474,750 tons, compared with the United States' 444,300 tons.

The League predicts that aircraft in future will undoubtedly be a major aspect of naval warfare and draws attention to the British superiority in aircraft carriers over the United States. Japan and the United States are equal in the number of carriers possessed, although the United States' tonnage exceeds Japan's.—United Press.

## FRANCE PAYS OFF LOAN

Paris, Dec. 27.

France has repaid the last instalment of the British loan made to the French railways a year ago.

The repayment was made from the profits of the workings of the Exchange Equalisation Fund.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE BUDGET PROVIDES FOR MORE ARMAMENTS

## Ear-Marking Funds For Emergencies In China

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The Government yesterday distributed to members of the House of Peers and Representatives, copies of the ordinary Budget Bill for 1938-39.

Next year's budget has been compiled, a Government spokesman explained, with a view to coping efficiently with the situation arising from long term hostilities so as to attain the objective of the "punitive expedition against China" by meeting the military requirements of materials and funds.

The budget, he states, pays special attention to the following points:

1. Replenishment of armaments;
2. Military relief and other social welfare works in connection with the "China Incident";
3. Air defence;
4. Development of agricultural resources;
5. Encouragement and promotion of out-going trade;
6. Encouragement of the liquefaction of coal;
7. Training technical experts;
8. Development of civil aviation;
9. Ear-marking ample funds in reserve to provide for emergency expenditure in connection with the "China Incident."

The revenue for next year is estimated at ¥2,007,700,000 as against ¥2,008,731,000 on the working budget, including an issue of bonds to the value of ¥694,103,000.

The budget shows that ¥65,000,000 is required by various departments, exclusive of the War Office and Admiralty, in connection with the "China Incident."—Reuter.

Mr. E.H.M. Rellon has been authorised by the Governor in Council to perform the duties of an auditor in the Colony of Hongkong.

### RESIGNING?



Rumania's Prime Minister, Gh. T. Aradescu, after quarrelling with King Carol on policy, is reported to have resigned.

## Foreigners Returning To Hongkew

**Japanese Running Chinese Stores**

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Foreigners to-day visited north of Soochow Creek areas which have been opened by the Japanese authorities. Cars and pedestrians from early morning crossed Garden Bridge either to recover their belongings from abandoned homes or to view the ruins.

The Hongkew market vicinity was a beehive of activity, Japanese soldiers, sailors and civilians, as well as foreign men and women, wandering around carrying baskets and buying up provisions, clothing etc., which could be obtained very cheaply. However the impression that all commodities were dirt cheap in Hongkew was disproved, although Japanese food stuffs, including canned goods, were inexpensive.

Sukiyaki houses were crowded with foreigners who had not tasted real Japanese dishes for more than four months. Some of the Chinese stores (Continued on Page 4.)

## U.S. CONTINUES TO WATCH JAPANESE WITH WARINESS

## Panay Incident May Be "Only Beginning of Our Ignominy," Says Press

Washington, Dec. 27.

The United States Government has not yet decided upon the sum it will request the Japanese Government to furnish as indemnity for the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, said Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day.

He added that competent officials were working out the amount which would meet the case.

Meanwhile there is an air of wariness with regard to the whole situation in China.

## GUARDING AGAINST ACCIDENT

**Government's Rules For Gasometers**

Government supervision of gasometers in Hongkong will become effective with the passage through Legislative Council of new Ordinance which will be introduced at the next meeting by the Attorney General, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster.

The draft Bill of the proposed Ordinance places the obligation of carrying out periodical inspections on the proprietors of gasometers, but provides that in the case of annual examinations, and of septennial examinations to ascertain the internal condition of gasometers more than fifteen years old, Government will supervise.

The proposed Ordinance also empowers Government at any time to call upon the proprietor of any gasometer in the Colony to show cause why any gasometer should not be declared unfit for use, and the Governor-in-Council may order the closing down of gasometers.

The proposed Ordinance has been drawn up by the Attorney General as a result of the petition and other representations which were made to Government after the terrible gasometer explosion at West Point on May 14, 1934, which resulted in 42 deaths.

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## C.I.O. RAIDING FOR MEMBERS

New York, Dec. 27.

The Committee of Industrial Organisation has announced that quarry workers with an international membership of 8,000 have left the American Federation of Labour and affiliated with the C.I.O.

Officials of the A.F.O.L. stated that the announcement indicated that the C.I.O. had resumed its raiding of the Federation membership and that the likely result was the expulsion of some or all ten of the C.I.O. unions at present under suspension.—United Press.

## TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY UP

The temperature at 10 o'clock this morning in Hongkong was 65 degrees, one degree higher than at the same time yesterday, although the maximum temperature yesterday was only 60 as against the previous recording of 69.

Humidity also advanced to-day from 70 to 75 per cent.

The weather report stated that the anticyclone is moving eastward, pressure being highest over the lower Yangtze valley and the Yellow Sea.

## ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER QUILTS

Bucharest, Dec. 28.

The Prime Minister, Gh. T. Aradescu, saw King Carol yesterday in the Carpathian Mountains and it is reported that he handed the King his resignation.

No official announcement has yet been made.—Reuter.

## NO FURTHER MOVE TO PLACATE U.S.

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The War and Navy departments of the Foreign Office are putting the finishing touches to the reply to the British note regarding the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird, and delivery of the reply is expected very soon.

It is not expected that there will be further efforts to placate the United States concerning the Panay (Continued on Page 4.)



# SPARKLE... After Dark

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WITH the advent of Christmas shop windows are filled with gay frocks telling us that the season of parties is round the corner.

I have just been making a round of the mid-season collections. The extravagancies of the earlier dress shows have disappeared, and silhouettes are greatly reduced.

If the tale of evening fashions were strictly told, skirts would have pride of place. Their great novelty consists in their irregularity: no two are alike.

One designer makes the line in front, another's skirts are so narrow that they must be slit at the side in order to walk.

Side by side with these are the draped skirts, and the rather stiff wide-skirted styles that stand us in the stead of picture frocks this season.

The newest of all lines is that sketched by my artist, showing the fullness brought to the front of the skirt. Made of soft chiffon, the bodice line hugs the figure.

Yes, we have gone back to curves; where the figure has curves, the gown has curves, too. Loop drapery, shirring, bands embroidered with sequins or diamanté, are curved to follow the lines of the figure.

Evening frocks this season must have a touch of pretty-pretty about them. With a simply cut dress in the fashionable black must be worn masses of jewellery so that it glitters and sparkles as grandly as the most elaborately trimmed gown.

There is, too, a definite effort this season to keep the waists high, but I have noticed some sashes tied low on the hips. This, in my opinion, is the forerunner of a lower waist line next year.

As to materials, the richer the better, and never have I remarked so many reasonably priced brocades and metal tissues. Dull surfaced jersey fabrics that cling closely to the figure, and, of course, the ever popular velvet are for mother; for her daughter, chiffon or net.

Even if a dress is not sequin trimmed, this popular decoration appears on the accessories.

Sketched below are a few suggestions—a halo headpiece composed entirely of sequins, a matching necklace, also bag and shoes bespattered here and there with these pretty ornaments.

Sequin halo & necklaco

Evening bag in lamé

Silver brocade sandals

By MARY GRACE

By MARY GRACE

Evening frock of soft petunia pink chiffon, with a close-fitting shirred bodice. The skirt fullness is drawn into the front, following the newest line. Pink and silver flowers make a charming headpiece and diamanté bangles sparkle at the wrist.

## Colour Favourites

AMONG the lovely new colours for starlit hours are petunia pink, hanging from the most delicate of shades to the deep blush hues. Next come the blues and mauves of the cyclamen, and a red that matches the brightness of holly berries. Another red, called flame, is among the first favourites for striking evening frocks.

Frog green, a pretty shade, is another newcomer, and there is also a subtle colour called pine mist—a very soft greeny blue—to gladden the eye among the purples and deep blues of the season.

Lucky charm bracelets are a whim of the moment. Two novelties caught my attention at a dance recently. One had black and white dice suspended from a thin chain. The other boasted minute coloured figures—a Highland piper, a golfer with bag of clubs, a Dutch girl, two Hungarians, and a newsboy.



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## Clearing up the Mess...

CHRISTMAS parties are over, the guests are gone, the house looks untidy, and the family feel flat. But make the best of what's left.

First of all don't take down all the decorations, just pick out dead flowers, withered leaves, or bits of tinsel which have got straggly looking and throw them away. Leave the rest till after the New Year.

Then the question of food: you are faced with the remains of a turkey and half a Christmas pudding. Try this method with the turkey legs.

Make a paste from salt, white pepper, curry powder, mustard, cayenne, and butter. If you like things really tasty add some Worcester sauce, chutney, or mushroom powder.

Score the bird's legs deeply in several places, put plenty of the devil paste into the cuts, and spread the rest all over the surface. Leave the legs like this for some hours. When you want to cook them put them under the grill for about ten minutes, turning once or twice.

The plum pudding can be changed from a wearisome cold wedge by being cut into slices, heated through in the frying-pan, and served with a sprinkling of castor sugar.

## H U S H !

NOT SO MUCH NOISE, CHILDREN! Ugly voices are not only an irritation to other people, but a drawback to children, and tiring, too. You should not overlook and ignore bad speaking habits in young children. Bad habits are difficult to eradicate, and their effects far reaching.

The trouble is often accentuated by the fact that many people in charge of children—mothers included—have unlovely, and therefore ill-used, voices themselves. They don't recognise the signs of voice-strain in their children, and cannot instruct them in those correct habits of breathing and speaking which are essential. Too much is left to the school, and children are not given even rudimentary home training.

The clear, live tones of a natural young voice are lovely to hear if the child has a sufficient vocabulary, breathes correctly and is not shy, flustered, or trying to impress. But many children develop a trick of drawing in their breath through the mouth at the beginning of speech and after every few words. Their words tumble or are gasped out, their voice getting shriller and louder as they try to create an effect.

When the noise of such a voice the arms, bend forward and empty becomes unbearable the child will the chest of air. Then take another be told not to shout, but it is un- breath slowly, smoothly and through likely that he will be given some the nose. This is sent down to the prompt and definite instruction as stomach region, the mouth being how to become forceful, convinc- kept tightly closed and the body bent ing and attractive by using his voice just a tiny bit.

Finally, release this breath quite vigorously and expel it by the mouth. It is important that you feel no strain with this exercise and that your breath is only held down for as long as it can comfortably be held. The exercise should be repeated three times.

A TENDENCY to talk in a high-pitched nasal twang is shown at an early age. Children with narrow and lazy nostrils, throat and nose trouble, shallow chests and a pronounced tummy-ache, frequently have a whining voice that may develop into a hard, shrill and unpleasant adult voice.

Chronic catarrh and swollen tonsils often result in the voice-box being misused, while an inadequate intake of breath embarrasses both speaker and listener.

You can teach your children early naturally the buzzing is repeated. In life that they will not get em- The sound of several children doing phasis by hurry and shrillness of "Bees in a Bottle" always makes voice, but by a steady fitness of them laugh. Laughing is a fine breath behind their words, by clear, exercise and a grand tonic for both mind and body.

The first lesson, then, in good voice production is correct breath- ing. The child must have breath enough for the effort of speech and for the control of his voice. Breath- ing should be done, not at the be- ginning of a word or a phrase, but at the end of words and sentences.

Try a little practical demonstra- tion—first with single, double and vocal cords and taxes his vocal repeated words, second with short nerves. Smoke, dust, cold, the air of ill- ventilated rooms, a diet low in fats and mineral salts, and deficient in there for breathing purposes. Breath- ing is inhaled and exhaled through the milk—all are bad for the voice. Too nose (which, of course, should be clear and free for that purpose).

THE second lesson works wonders on the vocal cords and helps to pitch in a key too high for the increase lung-capacity and to lower the pitch of the voice. Most women come permanently damaged through being forced up to high keys. But young children.

Take a long, smooth breath, raising ing for children's voice and speech the arms limply. Now throw down and, therefore, personality.

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# China Prepares For Counter Offensive

## ARMY'S MORALE RESTORED BY ARMS' ARRIVAL

## Interest in Sun Fo's Reported Mission To Russian Capital

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Chinese forces are now busily preparing a grand counter-offensive which will be launched in a month or so, according to Chinese official quarters. It is claimed that the morale of the Chinese troops has been restored by the arrival of reinforcements and new equipment.

Much speculation has been aroused by the report that Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, is now en route to Moscow to represent the Chinese Government in negotiations with the Soviets.

A number of important changes in personnel, both politically and militarily, were made recently, with the avowed object of ensuring greater efficiency in Chinese military operations.

There are indications that ex-Communists, who are irreconcilably anti-Japanese, are winning a larger share in the direction of affairs. As an example the Chinese forces in the provinces of Shanxi, Shensi, Suiyuan and Ningxia have been placed under the command of Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the 8th Route Army, the former Communist army. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the now defunct Sino-Soviet Government has been appointed Governor of Kansu.

### Advised To Evacuate

Shanghai, Dec. 28. Following advice from the State Department in Washington, a number of Americans are evacuating Tientsin for Shanghai to-morrow aboard the United States gunboat Sachem. The United States light cruiser Marblehead, the destroyer Pope, and H.M.S. Suffolk are remaining at Tientsin.—Reuter.

### Appointment Unlikely

Hankow, Dec. 28. Although Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, is on his way to Moscow to represent the Chinese Government in negotiations with the Soviet, his appointment as Ambassador to Russia is unlikely. It is said here.

Mr. Fui Ming, formerly the Director of the Shanghai office for Foreign Affairs, is at present on his way to Russia to act as *Chargé d'Affaires* in the capital pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Ching Ting-fu, who recently returned to China.

Meanwhile, the new Soviet Ambassador has called on Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the date for the presentation of his credentials to the President, Mr. Lin Sen, has not yet been fixed but it will likely be early in January.

Fifty members of the Foreign Office staff are leaving to-day and to-morrow for Chungking, the new capital, by steamer. But Dr. Wang Chung-hui and his vice-minister, and the Director of the Publicity Department, are remaining in Hankow.—Reuter.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CHEUNG CHAU

For the first time in its history was there a Christmas Tree Party held in the Assembly Hall at Cheung Chau Island this year. The hall was gallantly decorated with flags, streamers and bunting. The tree was loaded with presents for both old and young, and was brightly illuminated, and surrounded by a large bright star. Among the guests were many of the South China missionaries and their children, most of whom are refugees. The proceedings began at 7.30 p.m. by the audience singing a carol, and a prayer was offered up by Mr. McCulloch. Then songs, recitations, dialogues and tableaux were given by the kindergarten class of the Sunday School, trained by Mrs. Rex Ray, to whom the success of the evening was mainly due.

At the conclusion of the programme, Santa Claus (Mr. D. O. Silva), proceeded to distribute the gifts. Before departing he also took flashlight photographs. Light refreshments were then served and indoor games played until 10.30 when all joined hands and sang Auld Lang Syne.

### SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station—Hampshire, Empress of Russia, Greyhound Castle, Takasago, Founder, Hiohara, Hermon, Memnon, and Williamette.

## Promotions In Naval Volunteers Two Lieutenant-Commanders

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make, under regulation 9 of the Regulations of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, the following promotions in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force:

Lieutenant to Lieutenant-Commander, Ronald James Douglas Clerk Grieve, with effect from 16th November, 1937; John Charles Michael Graham, with effect from 23rd November, 1937.

Sub-Lieutenant to Lieutenant, Laurence Dudley Kilbee, with effect from 16th November, 1937; Guilford Charles Dudley, with effect from 16th November, 1937; Ronald Robert Wilson Ashby, with effect from 23rd November, 1937.

Sub-Lieutenant (E) to Sub-Lieutenant, Alfred Charles Ford, with effect from 1st December, 1937.

Sub-Lieutenant to Lieutenant (E), Alfred Charles Ford, with effect from 27th November, 1937.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant to Sub-Lieutenant, Gerald Hollingsworth Bond, with effect from 2nd December, 1937; George Merriman, with effect from 2nd December, 1937; John Bertrand Brunswick Shaw, with effect from 2nd December, 1937; William Ralph Ewing Stephenson, with effect from 2nd December, 1937.

Probationary Cadet to Acting Sub-Lieutenant, Claude Trenchard Davis, M.C., with effect from 16th November, 1937; Leslie Philip Ralph, with effect from 23rd November, 1937.

Gordon Gifford-Hull, with effect from 23rd November, 1937; John Crichton McDouall, with effect from 23rd November, 1937; Frank Buckle, with effect from 23rd November, 1937.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant to Acting Sub-Lieutenant (E), Frank Buckle, with effect from 27th November, 1937.

Probationary Cadet to Cadet, Leslie Douglas Skinner, with effect from 23rd March, 1938.

## Hongkong Still Infected Port

Regulations made during the cholera epidemic last August, affecting the sale of cut fruit, ice cream, non-aerated waters, Chinese jellies and dishes have been rescinded by the Governor in Council.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Netherlands East Indies and Japan against arrivals from Hongkong have also been rescinded.

Hongkong, however, is still an infected port on account of cholera in the Philippine Islands, Siam, French Indo-China, Beira (Portuguese East Africa), Bangkok.

Inspection of all incoming vessels from Hongkong is carried out at all Philippine ports, where third class passengers and new crew must comply with vaccination requirements. Similar vaccination is also insisted on at Bangkok, unless passengers and crew can produce evidence of successful recent vaccination.

## TWO PLANES BRING MAIL FROM SOUTH

Unique in the history of aviation in Hongkong is the fact that the weekly Imperial Airways Air Service from Bangkok will be run in two divisions to-day.

The Bangkok terminus has been so inundated with mail and freight for Hongkong and other Far Eastern centres that it has become necessary to temporarily put two planes into service.

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## GORGEOUS INNINGS BY ALEC PEARCE IN T. T. CRICKET MATCH

(Continued from Page 8.)

when after a three to the same batsman (two over throw) he got Allen well stumped (236-7-22). Scoring again quickened as Pearce started to hit and the newcomers, McEldan played free cricket, and after a nice four and a few singles he lofted Cheney out of the ground down by the Bank Car-park. Hayward then declared, Pearce being not out 20 and Mac 15, scored in a very few minutes. The score was 250 made in 140 minutes.

### THE ARMY BAT

Baker started the bowling from the Yard end and after Corp. Jones had scored a single, Major Murray put a couple of short ones to leg for two and four. The wicket seemed to be crumbling and a good deal of dust was flying about. Owen Hughes bowled at the other end. Defensive cricket was the order of the day on the whole—and rightly so. Murray sent the twenty up with an on-drive off Owen-Hughes. Baker was a bit short and to leg and Jones put him twice to the boundary in one over, even though Hayward took out a slip and put him at long-leg. Then at 33 Jones hit a short one from Owen Hughes straight to cover, 33-1-10.

Scoring became much slower but neither batsman seemed in difficulties. At 41 McEldan relieved Baker who had sent down 7 overs for twenty runs. Marshall had gone off and shortly after Kilbee strained a muscle from a two run and a four. At 53 McEldan mistimed one from McEldan and was caught by Baker at mid-off 53-2-7. John Pearce then went on for Owen Hughes, but though the batsmen could not get him away they did not seem very worried by leg-breaks. Slowly the score rose to 60 without further loss and tea was then taken.

### AFTER TEA

It looked as if the two batsmen were going to settle down for a long stand after tea. T. A. Pearce went on at the Yard end and Mackintosh-Walker played three lovely shots through the covers off him. At last just when the hundred was hoisted Murray tried to sweep one from Alec Pearce to leg and it hit him full loss on the pad—a plumb l.b.w. as I was told by the batsman. He had played a most useful knock and had nearly made things safe for the batsmen. At 100-2-13. Mackintosh-Walker however continued to go strongly playing excellent cricket and (with all respect) looking an entirely different batsman to the player against the Navy.

John Pearce relieved John Pearce at 118—and I was rather surprised not to see Allen given a shot at the other end. At this time the Army skipper seemed to like both T. A. Pearce and Owen Hughes and I got the idea he was having a go for the runs. Baker went on for Pearce with about 50 minutes to go and 120 runs to get. The tea-interval I see had been prolonged to nineteen minutes which seemed a pity as there had been many more runs would have been scored if the cooler had not not fielded so excellently. The one at square leg saved any amount of runs.

### QUICK WICKETS

At 4.55 Owen Hughes bowled Beadnell when he had scored eleven runs (137-4-11). A ball or two later Mackintosh-Walker completed his fifty with a couple to square leg off Baker. He hit a few more and then hit a tremendous drive straight at Coombes (the third sub the Club had out) who took a fine catch at wide mid-off. From the first ball of the next over Godby was too soon for one of Baker's which he took at forward short leg. 148-4-1 which was a sad change from 140 for 4! The Army were now in danger. Rawsthorne and Teversham held up the wicket a bit and John Pearce bowled for Baker at the other end but he did not come up to his duty. At 160 Owen Hughes got Rawsthorne in just the same way as he had got Mackintosh-Walker. This time Hayward made a hot catch at mid-off 160-7-11. Five runs later Coombes was l.b.w. to John Pearce—I presume it was this time he saw him getting a wicket l.b.w. from any other ball, 171-8-0. A few minutes later stumps were drawn—on my previous writing of this account I had been working on a drawing time of 5.45 p.m. It was a much better time—the light in never let for play after 5.30 during the Triangular Tournament.

### TO SUM UP

Both sides suffered from the lack of really good bowling though the Club were much superior in this respect. I think they would have done well to give Allen a bowl. The fielding of both sides was good. I thought Rawsthorne's keeping was excellent and he is a useful hard hitting bat. Pearce's innings overshadowed everything but a very shaly start Richardson played a very straight knock, while for the Army, Murray and Mackintosh-Walker saved the game. Teversham is clearly a useful bat and the Army still might have lost but for his late stand with Rawsthorne. An excellent day's cricket.

H.K.C.C.  
J. E. Richardson, c Murray b Godby .. 41  
J. E. Pearce, b Owen-Hughes .. 31  
F. Marshall, c Mackintosh-Walker b Cheney .. 21  
Owen-Hughes, c Hayward b Baker .. 21  
Coombes, b Baker .. 20  
R. D. Allen, c Rawsthorne b Cheney .. 19

A. W. Hayward, l.b.w. Cheney .. 6	
J. L. C. Pearce, not out .. 29	
D. McEldan, not out .. 14	
Extras .. 14	
Total (7 wks. dec.) .. 255	
F. H. Stokes and F. Baker did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Godby ..	12	1	33
Hayward ..	12	1	37
Cheney ..	12	1	38
McEldan ..	2	1	20
Mackintosh-Walker ..	3	1	31
Coombes ..	8	1	21

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Baker ..	10	1	29
Owen-Hughes ..	10	1	29
McEldan ..	6	1	21
J. L. C. Pearce ..	12	2	20
T. A. Pearce ..	6	1	20

### KOWLOON BEATEN

ROYAL NAVY WIN ALL DAY MATCH BY 30

In an all-day encounter on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday, the Royal Navy defeated the home club by 30.

A. D. Smith, c J. N. Lee .. 10	
Sub-Lt. Skelton, b Anderson .. 38	
Sub-Lt. Waymouth, c O'Dryen .. 38	
Sub-Lt. C. G. Fincher, b Anderson .. 14	
Sub-Lt. Walters, b D. Lay .. 10	
Sub-Lt. Boucher, l.b.w. Perry .. 10	
Sub-Lt. Talbot-Smith, l.b.w. Perry .. 20	
Sub-Lt. Robinson, c Brokenshire .. 2	
Perry, c Skelton .. 20	
Sub-Lt. Hall, b Fincher .. 16	
Sub-Lt. Green, c Lay .. 1	
P. O. Paxton, not out .. 17	
Extras .. 15	
Total .. 157	

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Lee ..	14	5	27
Fincher ..	6	1	34
Perry ..	9	2	38
O'Dryen ..	2	1	16
Anderson ..	7	1	24

A. E. Perry, c sub-Lt. Cotman .. 54	
D. J. N. Anderson, b Cotman .. 29	
E. F. Fincher, b Paxton .. 12	
O'Dryen, l.b.w. Paxton .. 10	
A. T. Lay, c Walters b Paxton .. 13	
T. A. Madar, c Waymouth b Paxton .. 6	
Sub-Lt. Waymouth, b Paxton .. 3	
Sub-Lt. C. G. Fincher, b Paxton .. 3	
Sub-Lt. Lee, l.b.w. Cotman .. 3	
Sub-Lt. Boucher, l.b.w. Cotman .. 3	
Sub-Lt. Talbot-Smith, l.b.w. Cotman .. 3	
Sub-Lt. Robinson, c Brokenshire .. 2	
Sub-Lt. Hall, b Fincher .. 16	
Sub-Lt. Green, c Lay .. 1	
P. O. Paxton, not out .. 17	
Extras .. 15	
Total .. 127	

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Cotman ..	14	5	27
Boucher ..	4	1	21
Paxton ..	12	3	43

### SENIORS AVENGED

KOWLOON JUNIORS TROUCE NAVY SECONDS AT KING'S PARK

Kowloon seconds avenged their seniors' defeat by trouncing the Navy seconds by 105 in an all-day match at King's Park. The feature of the game was the brilliant batting of F. J. Lay who scored 60.

W. Mulcahy, c Finn b Talbot .. 37	
J. Lay, b Talbot .. 60	
R. M. Baxter, c Catlow b Jeffery .. 12	
P. O. Dunne, c and b Woods .. 9	
L. McKenzie, b Woods .. 5	
R. T. Broadbridge, c Catlow b Jeffery .. 4	
W. S. Gegg, not out .. 7	
H. Hall, b Woods .. 7	
R. Baldwin, c Jeffery b Woods .. 0	
C. H. B. Sargent, b Woods .. 9	
A. D. D. Woods .. 1	
Extras .. 17	
Total .. 197	

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Jeffery ..	17	5	37
Woods ..	16	3	37
Baldwin ..	6	1	20
Gough ..	2	1	2
Talbot ..	7	1	23
Darcy-Evans ..	3	1	21

Sub-Lt. Darcy-Evans, c Lay b Dunne .. 34	
Sub-Lt. Talbot, b Gegg .. 4	
Sub-Lt. Catlow, b Dunne .. 4	
Sub-Lt. Gough, c Lay b Baxter .. 20	
Sub-Lt. Rankin, l.b.w. Baxter .. 1	
Sub-Lt. Gough, b Baxter .. 2	
Sub-Lt. Jeffery, l.b.w. Gegg .. 14	
Sub-Lt. Tel. Woods, c Dunne b Sargent .. 1	
Sub-Lt. Cdr. Nicholson, b Sargent .. 1	
Sub-Lt. D. D. Woods .. 1	
Extras .. 11	
Total .. 92	

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Gegg ..	7	1	23
Dunne ..	6	1	9
Sargent ..	6	1	20
Baxter ..	7	1	13
McKenzie ..	3	1	9

### BACHELORS WIN

CRAIGENGOWER MARRIED MEN LOSE ANNUAL ENCOUNTER

The annual cricket match between married and single members of the Craigenrower was played yesterday and resulted in the win for the latter by 14.

The singles batted first and completed 108, to which the married replied with 94.

Following the match, there was a tea dance to the music of the band of H.M.S. Cumberland.

### STAFF MATCH

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## OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"All Baba Goes To Town" (King's Theatre, to-day).—A characteristic Eddie Cantor jest on America's New Deal policy with some cunning references to President Roosevelt. Mirth-provoking as always, but not quite so tuneful as usual with the exception of the number "Laugh Your Way Through Life," which has a great swing.

"Mr. Dood Takes The Air" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Kenny Baker doing some first-rate crooning (if you like crooning), and if you don't, you will still have Frank McHugh to give you plenty of chuckles, with Alice Brady, Gertrude Michael and Jane Wyman helping things along. A happy-go-lucky picture which most people will thoroughly enjoy.

"Varsity Show" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Songs, gags, dances and snappy music by Waring's Pennsylvanians help to make this an outstanding, though somewhat lengthy, entertainment. The fun is fast and furious, and there are romantic and romantic singing by Dick Powell.

"Naughty Marietta" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Declared by most cinema-goers to be the best performance of the Eddy Nelson-Jeanette MacDonald cycle of musical romances. It is a lavish and beautiful production, with singing par excellence.

"The Case of the Black Cat" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Excellent thriller with mystery sustained to the closing fade out. Neat studies by Ricardo Cortez, June Travers and a well selected supporting cast.

## RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

10.03 Selections from Wagner's Operas.

"Lohengrin"—Prelude. . . . London Symphony Orchestra; "Die Meistersinger"; "Siegfried"; "Parsifal". . . . Doct. Hat Mann Mit Dem Schuhwerk. . . . Elisabeth Reihberg (Soprano) and Friedrich Schorr (Baritone); "Tannhauser". . . . Bruno Walter conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.28 Light Variety Programme.

Orchestra—Suite Oriental (Poppy). . . . Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Vocal—Lucia (Lisbona, Bizio); Little Village Green (Blackford, Strecker); The Vagabond Lover (Tenor); Vocal—Chez Moi (Felline-Misrahi); En Se Regardant (Bayle-Deletré); Lucienne Boyer; I'm Bettin' The Roll On Rimmer (Curtis and Crumit); Orchestra—By The Swanee River—Fantasy (Myddleton); Plantation Song (Powell). . . . Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra. 11.0 Close down.

## MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swann, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

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## WAR WITHOUT WEAPONS

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the world over since the successful Bolshevik Revolution.

And whether we think it good or evil we must yet admire the consistency, the genius for creating trouble which seems to be so rife in the minds of the Soviet propagandists.

History books of the future will teach with a certain amazement of the extraordinary methods of the Soviets. They will tell how Russia, in our time, maintained an army of two million men for the protection of her frontiers and the domination of her own peoples. They will tell how this army was not used for aggression because it was not necessary to use it. They will tell how Russia evolved another method of carrying war outside her own boundaries—the method of propaganda, by which she has managed during the last ten years to set the greater portion of the world by the ears whilst herself remaining untouched.

## Sinister Spectator

The historian of 2050 will tell how successfully Russia managed to get other armies fighting whilst she looked on watching and waiting for an opportunity to create further mischief, to sow more seeds of revolt and rebellion on such ground as was still peaceful.

Whether we agree with the Russian doctrine—if such it can be called—or not, we must admit that the men who have evolved this system are not fools. Rather they are men of brilliance and genius, even if that genius seems to exist merely for the purpose of causing trouble to others.

Intelligent men and women throughout the world have realised that the war of propaganda has reached its zenith. The time has come when teaching of goodwill must go out to a war-weary world, that the peoples of the earth will not and must not tolerate this continuous sapping of the mental vitality of nations by the spoken and written words, by wireless, and by every other insidious method possible.

As I write the news has reached this country that yet another country has gone anti-Communist. Brazil, under its new Constitution, is the first State in South America to take this step. It needs no great intelligence to see the reason. Brazil, far removed from the frontiers of Russia, and no possible menace to that country, finds it necessary to counteract the Soviet propaganda factory which has tentacles even in this South American State.

## Giving Statesmen a Chance

Recently Kerevisky, former Russian Premier, was forced to complain to the French authorities because the very telephone wires in his house in Paris had been tapped by the agents of the Soviet posing as telephone service employees. The Moscow propaganda department found it necessary to listen in in Paris, and so the job was done!

It has been said that when propaganda by opposing forces reaches its zenith it cancels itself out. If this be so, then men and women of goodwill will hope that the zenith of Communist and Fascist propaganda has been reached, that the war in China, in Spain, the stifled liberties of Russia, Germany, and that during the next few years even the sincere protagonists of the creeds—if there are any sincere ones!—will be satisfied and relax, so that real statesmen may, through trial and tribulation, find a way towards lasting peace.

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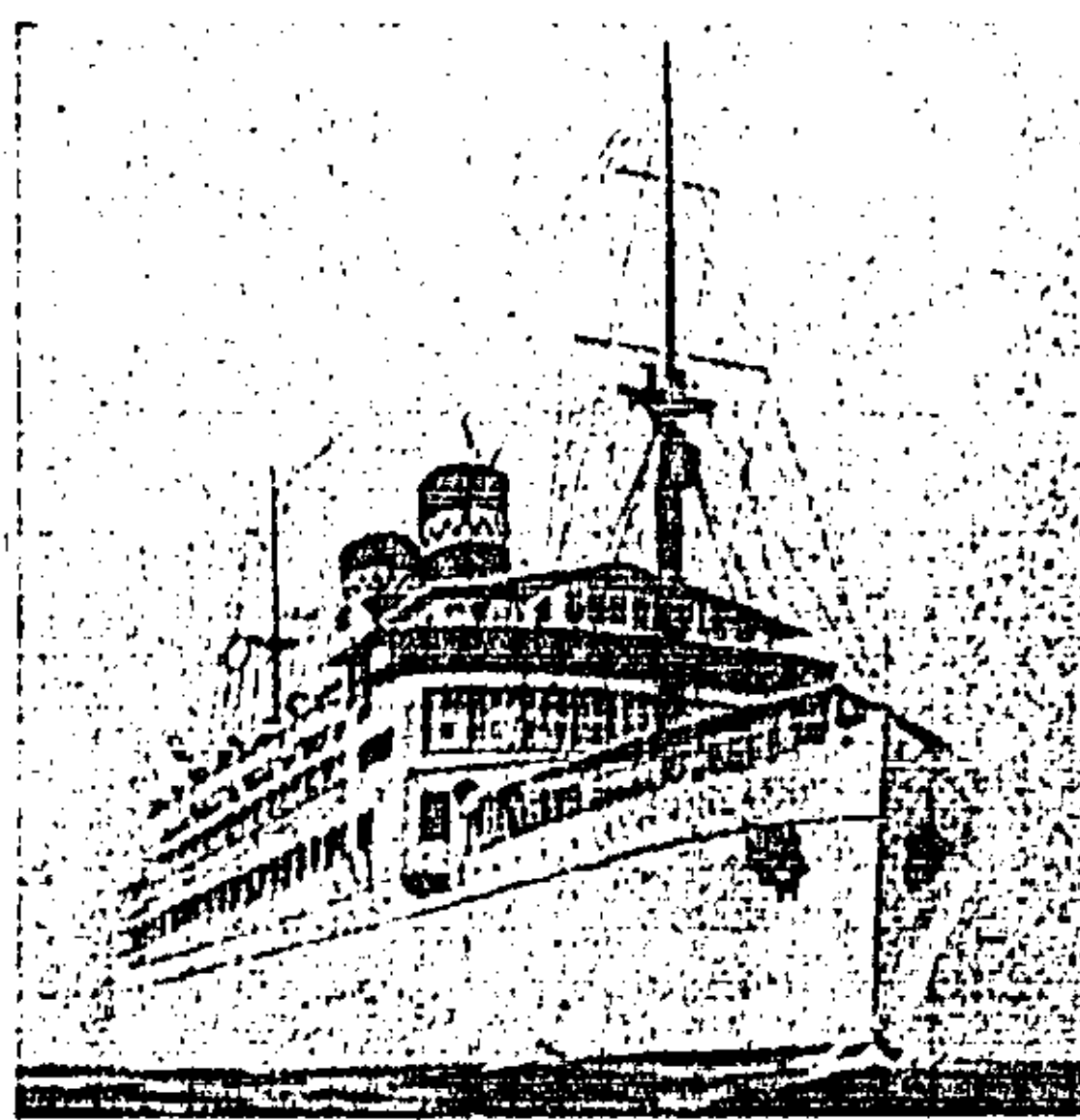
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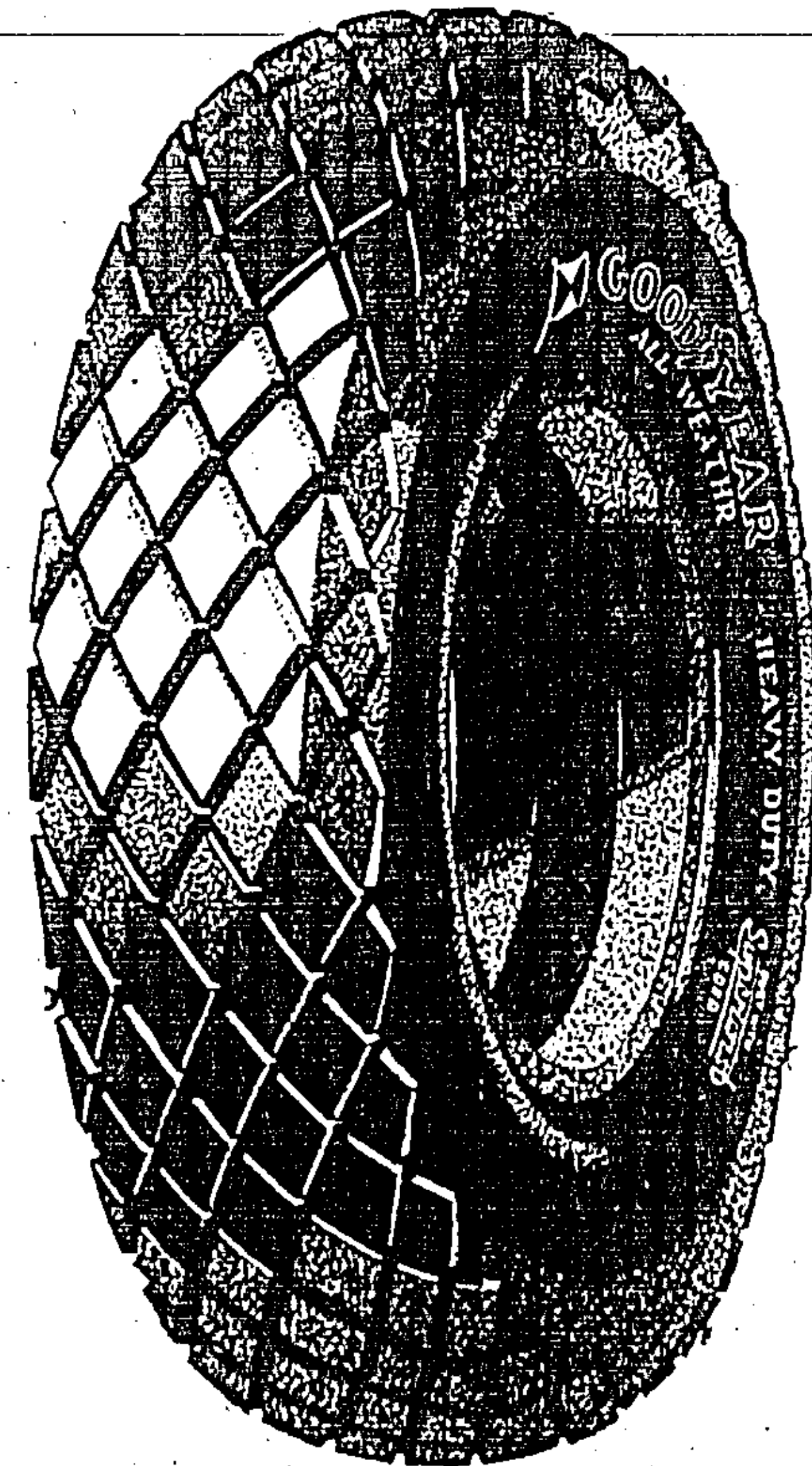
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### CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AND WORLD PEACE

There is trouble again between Czechoslovakia and Germany. Before the Great War Czechoslovakia formed a province of the Austrian Empire, and was inhabited chiefly by Czechs, Slovaks, Germans, Hungarians, Carpathian Russians, Poles and Jews.

Now, of course, it is an independent democracy. There is a total population of about fifteen million, of which three and a half are of German descent.

Herr Hitler has shown himself remarkably solicitous on behalf of these Germans. It is said he uses every opportunity to fan up dissension inside Czechoslovakia. Dr. Krofta, the Foreign Minister has just made another protest about it. He said:

"We will resolutely repulse all intervention in our internal affairs, from wherever it may come... When this is recognised by Germany the existence of our German minority will be no hindrance to the good relations between our countries. I deeply regret that our efforts towards a better understanding with our neighbour have been burdened anew."

The reasons why the Germans are so keen to make things difficult for Czechoslovakia apparently are the following:

- (1) Czechoslovakia is allied to France and Russia. It suits the Germans to believe that these powers are a perpetual threat to their security.
- (2) The German theory of the unity of the 'Volk' or People. This causes them to be very concerned with the date of German minorities everywhere in the world. They desire to focus the attention of Germans everywhere upon the Reich as the "universal provider".
- (3) The fact that Czechoslovakia lies in the way of Germany's ambitions in South-west Europe, the Balkans and the Near East. The German ambition to gain influence over the Danube countries and eventually to colonise in the Ukraine can never be realised with such an unrepentant francophile democracy in the neighbourhood.

Czechoslovakia is bounded by Germany, Poland and Hungary. With all three she is at enmity. With Germany for the reasons

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What they are really after is best expressed by Professor Julian Huxley, in his short introduction to their essay.

"Science has a two-fold task—to know and to control. Some sort of scientific control of society, in place of the unscientific game of politics and the mere play of impersonal economic forces, is overdue; and we shall not obtain any efficient... control unless this is grounded in adequate knowledge."

"Mass - Observation... seems to me of great value; for it does aim at disclosing ourselves to ourselves by the application of scientific methods of observation and record."

All this may strike you as a bit high to join in for fun. But then professors write that way. Science does not know enough about your and my prejudices, superstitions and behaviour to draw useful generalisations from them, or to predict with fair certainty our reactions to any given set of circumstances.

Science can do all these things very creditably about comets, chemical substances or guinea pigs. Obvious advantages would follow the addition of the British citizen to the list. "Mass - Observation," hope its inventors, will provide science with the broad basis of fact from which to work to this end.

**To-day's Thought**  
THE preservation of health is a duty. Few seem conscious that there is such a thing as physical morality.  
—HERBERT SPENCER.

Therefore, they ask us all to become "Observers," noting the behaviour of ourselves and our fellows, writing our observations up in simple objective reports and sending them to "Mass-Observation" Headquarters.

There, Madge, Harrison and their helpers will sort and sift our field work. At frequent intervals they will publish volumes of classified reports from Observers.

That is all. There is no catch in it. It costs you nothing to be an Observer. And—if enough thousands take up the job—the results will provide science with a basis and background which it has consciously lacked for the last twenty-five years.

Personally I am becoming an Observer, with a capital "O." The idea has been so cleverly presented by Madge and Harrison.

They appeal most skilfully to several more or less disagreeable traits in my character. The feeling that I shall be collaborating in original scientific work of real importance, that I am on the watch studying my fellow men and women, that I am a harmless—almost a benevolent—amateur detective, is too much for my self-importance and self-dramatisation.

But I cannot believe that I shall be a very good Observer. I shall tend to make my reports "better"—more exciting, rich and various—than a strict adherence to fact allows.

You may suggest that this is because I am a journalist or a liar. And you will be quite right. But, so I am afraid, will all Observers be journalists and liars.

To convey in writing what you have seen or experienced is the whole art of newspaper reporting. And, as one who has spent some laborious years trying to act as a reporter, let me add that no report of any set of human circumstances is wholly exact or truthful.

All human affairs and relationships are so complicated and coloured by superstitions, blind chance, or any influence but reason that, when they are further distorted by transmission through an



"No one could escape from the Coronation."

Observer's personality, a report of them must be scrappy, partial, and quite "unscientific."

Mass - Observation, however, cheerfully recognises and accepts all this. It is not dismayed that many of its Observers will be as prejudiced as Mr. Garvin's. It asks each one to give particulars of his or her religious beliefs and background, political faith and so on in order to discount, when possible, obvious bias.

In addition, Mass-Observation knows that its reports will all show partiality in one way or another. But by obtaining a great number it believes it can thereby arrive at a pretty clear idea of the actuality on which the Observers worked. Already one large scale test has been made. Some hundreds of Observers studied the Coronation from all angles. Their reports have already been digested and will soon be published by Messrs. Faber as a book, with the title *Mass-Observation Day Surveys*. Much of the MS. for this book I have been allowed to see.

No one could escape from the Coronation. Its propaganda, celebrations and emotional "upset" reached every citizen.

Therefore it was almost ideal as a test on which Mass-Observation could base itself. The Observers

ranged from a Gold Staff Officer on duty in the Abbey to a very self-conscious Left Winger who tried—unavailingly—to escape from the whole thing and who countered "God Save the King" by the "Internationale."

I do not think I should quote from the Observers' reports on the Coronation, although there is more rich fun and human interest in them than I have found elsewhere for years. But when the book is published I certainly hope to show "Daily Herald" readers why they should buy it by a review full of quotations.

These Coronation reports prove that the idea and methods of Mass-Observation do work and are valuable. That is why I mention them here.

On Wednesday I went to the Derby, and I tried to do a little Mass-Observation myself. At Epsom, I found it tremendously interesting, though it interfered with amateur fumbblings to find a winner.

Why do men and women cheer a horse on to victory although they will lose money by its success, just because those who are financially interested begin the cry?

Why did I feel disappointed that I didn't see the King come to the front of the Royal Box and wave his hat to acknowledge the crowd's greeting? I have seen him perhaps thirty times, several since he succeeded his brother. It was not disappointment of unsatisfied curiosity. It was the echo of some primitive tribal emotion in my heart.

Mass-Observation would like to know, for example, if many people at Epsom shared my disappointment. A digest of some thousand reports on Derby Day would be nearly as valuable as that on the Coronation.

Try a little Mass-Observation on your own account this week-end. If you find it as interesting as I do, write to G. Crole's Buildings, Blackheath, S.E.3, and ask for more particulars.

They will tell you how to become an Observer, and ask you to help in the investigation of this or that problem.

As they say in their pamphlet: "... It is essential that Mass-Observation should recruit from all classes, from all localities, and from every shade of opinion. Only those who are afraid of knowing the facts or of letting them be known will refuse to co-operate or prove avowedly hostile."

A very sensible and most interesting pamphlet on the whole. But I would make one point against it.

Madge and Harrison want active help from all of us. They want us to do something for them. Yet they put in bits like this:

"Perhaps the two functions—displaying the world and classifying it—are for the time being no longer divisible. In certain branches of science and of art, the individual scientist or artist becomes absorbed in a collective activity which is purely human in type, and which excludes neither of the two categories."

This is too much for me, and I expect also for a great many more of us. The inventors of Mass-Observation should tune their appeal more closely to the masses.

**T. D.**

## WAR WITHOUT WEAPONS

### Propaganda - An Insidious Prison

DURING the last fifteen years the word "propaganda"—so little used in pre-war days—has assumed particular importance.

Each nation, big and little, seems to concern itself in issuing verbally, and through the national and international Presses, reams and reams of propaganda, seeking to prove this or to deny that.

The Great War taught the nations the use of this weapon—a weapon more dangerous than the sword, the

stated, with Poland because her rulers have an understanding with Germany, and because of certain minority grievances and trade rivalries, and with Hungary because some of her territory was previously Hungarian, and the Hungarians have great grievances against her.

"If war breaks out between the Fascist and the Democratic countries, it will probably take the form of an artificially stimulated revolt in Czechoslovakia, with most countries intervening," writes Derrick Williams, League of Nations propagandist.

"It will be as well for nations to make up their minds before it starts as to whether they are going to sit down under this too, or whether they will really make in the League work this time. It is known for a fact at the British Admiralty that Signor Mussolini would have called off the Abyssinian War had the Suez Canal been closed. The fault was not primarily British. Everyone was to blame. But let us take stock of ourselves."

airplane or the big gun; a weapon more sinister and sometimes more powerful than actual warfare inasmuch as its protagonists have been able, by its use, to poison the minds of millions, to overthrow dynasties, and to weld for themselves into a solid mass the opinions of thousands of people who normally would be unable or unwilling to make their voices heard.

Each day in the newspapers we listen to the propagandist outpourings of the different "controlled" Presses of the world. The German Press, under the leadership of Dr. Goebbels, seeks to spread the Nazi doctrine throughout the world, and, whether we like it or not, has influenced many towards the creed of Hitler. Mussolini, pursuing a different technique, aims to achieve similar objects.

#### "Best" of All

Yet no matter how much we may admire or dislike these two, we must admit that the palm of propaganda warfare must be awarded to Soviet Russia who, during the last ten years, has proved herself to be the mistress of all propaganda, and who has, by means of this weapon, secured results hitherto unknown.

It has been said that the Russian people would never be beaten in war inside their own frontiers and that they would never win a decisive war outside those frontiers. Possibly this is true, and it is also possible that it was for this reason that the powers—that-behind the Soviet Government have concentrated during the last decade on providing themselves with a means of attack in other countries, outside their own frontiers,

which, carried to a pitch of near-perfection, may well constitute a menace to the peace of the world.

Very few people like Bolshevism—the Russians certainly do not, for the State as constituted in Russia at the present moment is no more Bolshevik than is the state in our own country—and very few people like Fascism, outside the countries where these creeds are de rigueur.

We have been told time and again that Fascism is merely inverted Communism, and whether we are prepared to agree with this dictum or not makes no difference to the fact that these warring creeds constitute the greatest danger to the peace of the world, not so much because of the never-ceasing battle of propaganda.

#### Warfare by Words

Those people who have studied the question are convinced that Fascism would not have come to Italy, the Nazi doctrine would never have swept Germany had it not been for the fact that the apostles of these dictatorial creeds were able to show the people of these countries that Soviet Communistic propaganda was sweeping the country, preparing the ground for the revolution, the slaughter of brother by brother, which seems to be the logical end of the propaganda of the Third Internationale.

Had it not been for the original propaganda warfare of Russia the present pact "for presenting a united front against Communism" would never have been signed between Germany, Italy and Japan.

No matter whether we consider this pact to be important or not, whether we think it merely another propaganda "stunt" or an armed alliance which may yet threaten the frontiers of Russia, the fact remains that it is existing to-day merely because of the continuous wordy warfare waged by the Soviets through

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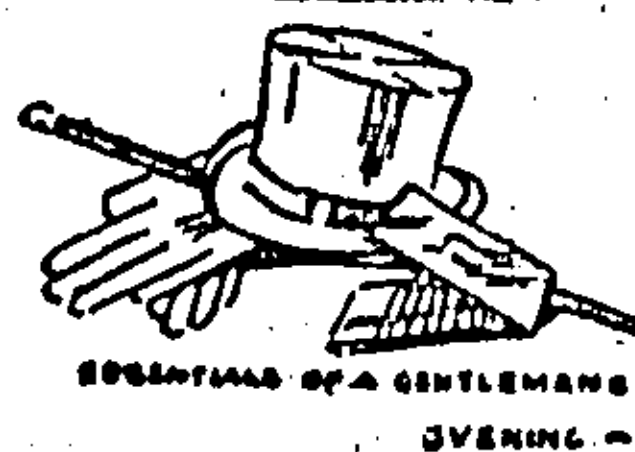
And when the Hartmans start throwing their voices around, we'll be a ventriloquist's dummy if this isn't the funniest picture you've ever seen!





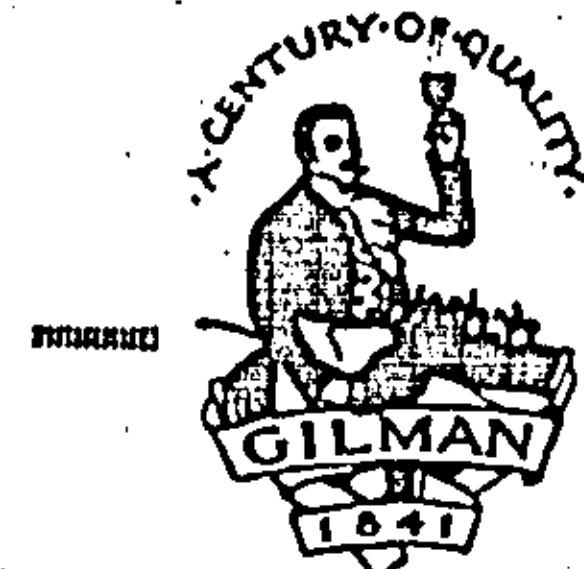


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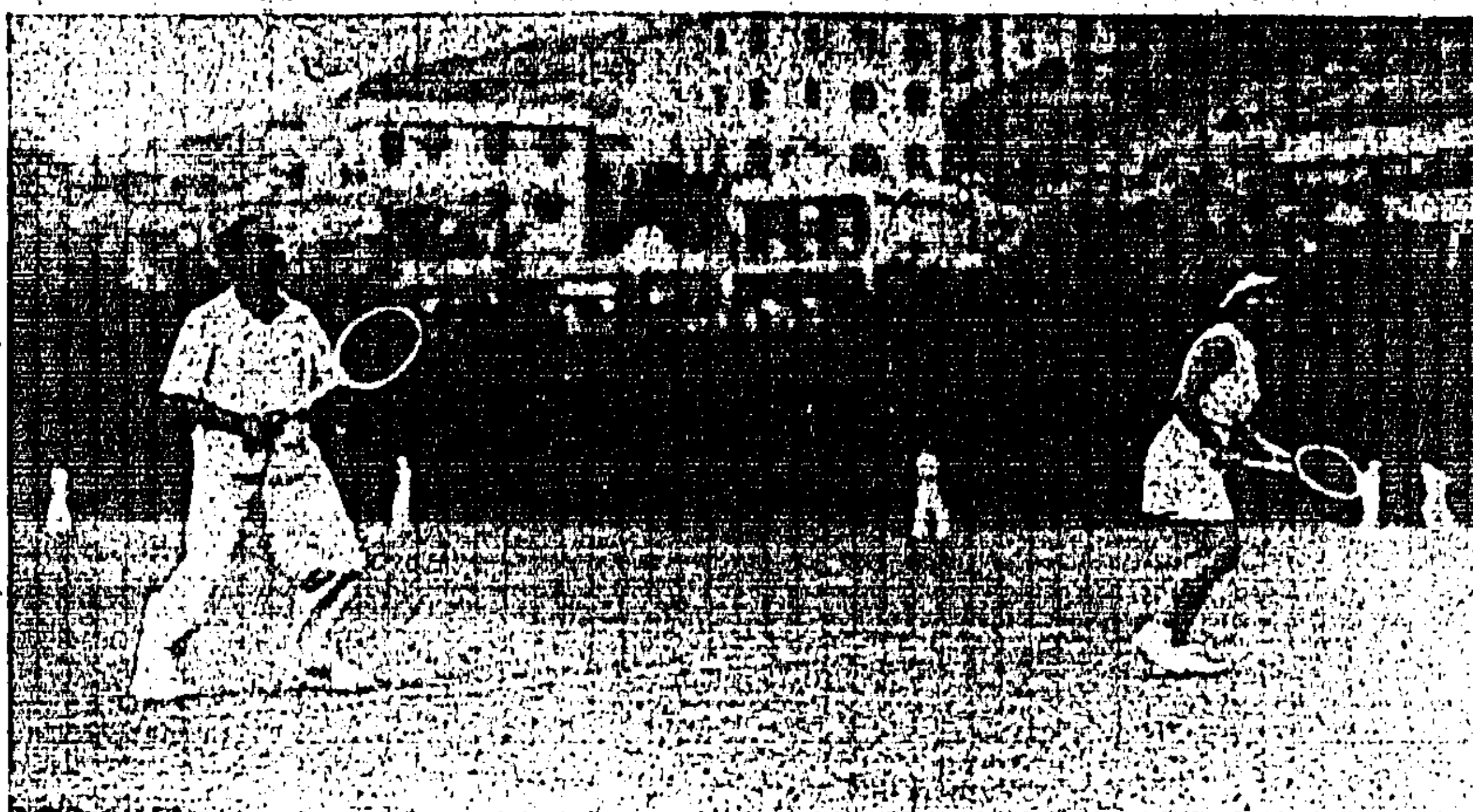


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E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry snapped by the camera in the course of yesterday's mixed doubles championship match in which they beat H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

### Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship

## Fourth Disappointment For Rumjahn And Mrs. Chiu FINCHER HELPS ROSE PERRY TO WIN THIRD TITLE IN THE SAME SEASON

For four successive years H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu have reached the final of the mixed doubles championship of the Colony. For four successive years they have been tipped to win, and four successive years they have found the title elude them. Yesterday was their fourth disappointment, when they lost to E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry at the Chinese Recreation Club 3-6, 6-3, 1-6.

This match also marked Teddy Fincher's first success in the mixed doubles championship, and the emulation by Miss Perry of Mrs. Litton's (Emil Lo) achievement in 1932 of winning three titles in the one year—mixed doubles, ladies' singles, and ladies' doubles.

Mrs. Litton and Miss Perry are

the only two players to have accomplished this remarkable performance.

### GOOD WINNERS

Fincher and Miss Perry were good winners yesterday. They were more purposeful in attack, with Miss Perry creating plenty of openings with her hard and accurate driving which Fincher eagerly seized and turned to good account.

The winners jumped into tip-top form from the opening service and by concentrating on Mrs. Chiu, who in the main relied with jobs of a faulty length, rattled off the first set before Rumjahn had a chance of warming up.

The losers responded well in the second set and Rumjahn found opportunities for becoming more prominent, his cut off volleys and well placed drives at the feet of the incoming opposition earning numbers of points. Mrs. Chiu also improved with added confidence.

But hopes that there would be a hard tussle in the final set were destroyed when Fincher and Miss Perry again took charge of the exchanges and monopolised play to such an extent that they won the first four games and were never in danger. During this period Mrs. Chiu struck a bad patch and errors continually came from her racket. Neither could Rumjahn cover up these mistakes, for Fincher and his partner were very adroit in their placements, and rendered interceptions next to the impossible.

The winners played strongly and with a skilful appreciation of the opposition weakness. This they plied as much as possible and won accord-

ingly. Fincher gave one of his best displays of mixed doubles tennis, being notably effective overhead and not disdaining to cut in if occasion warranted. Miss Perry was splendidly steady, her forehand driving often being the prelude to a Fincher "kill."

Rumjahn played as well as he was allowed, but he was rather pushed out of the game by the cunning methods of the winners, who saw to it that he did not get too much of the ball. Mrs. Chiu was hardly capable of bearing a burden such as that placed upon her.

### MARQUES SAVES PORTUGAL

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blank shots, fierce drives which were heading for the corners of the net and difficult dropping angled shots. Then finally he was beaten by a miskick on the part of Izzard—a most unsatisfactory goal, after which he shaped hopelessly for a long and high shot by Laister, the English right half, and was beaten all the way, and before the end was passed by Saw and then again by Izzard.

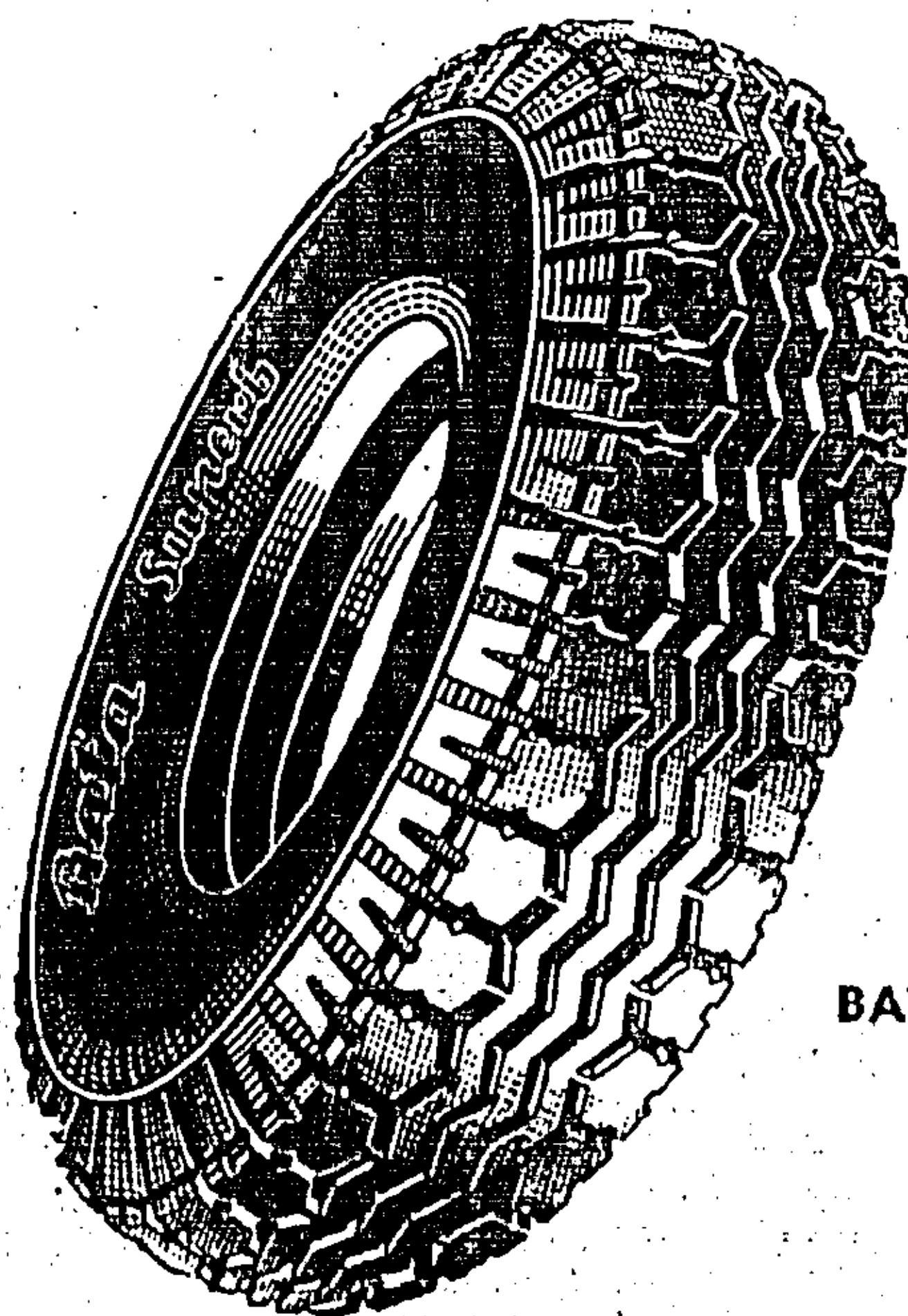
Beltrac scored Portugal's consolation point after he had missed a penalty, striking the upright with a gorgeous shot. Ward should have netted from the rebound, but his shot was wildly directed.

There was a big crowd, the game was played in an excellent spirit, and the affair generally was most enjoyable, with a result fully in keeping with the play.

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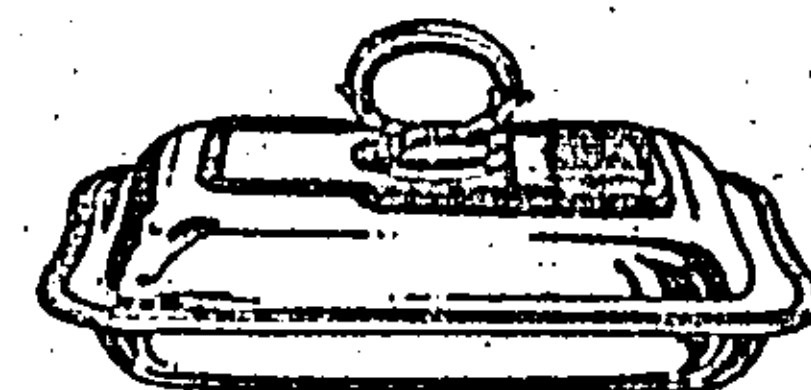
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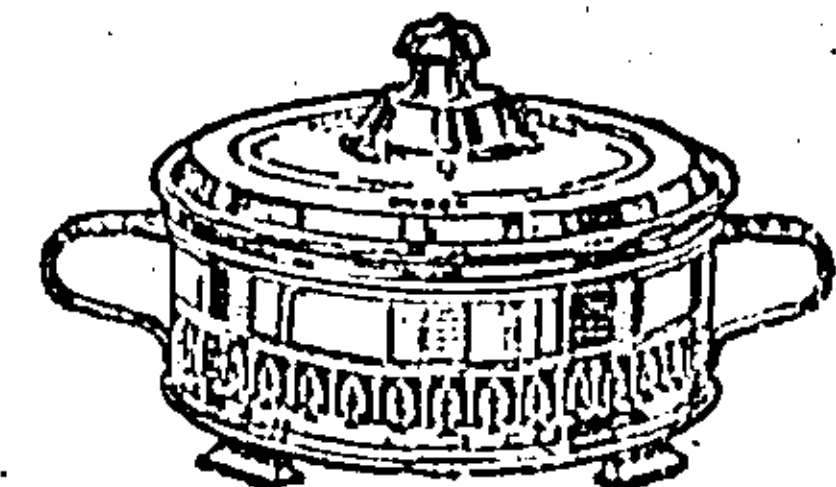


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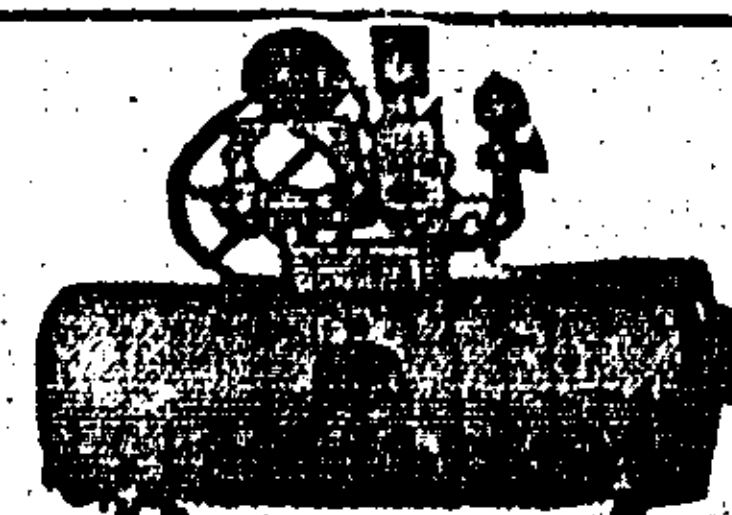
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## MEN AND THINGS ABROAD by W. N. EWER

**W**HAT price Conquest? Pretty high, as worried gentlemen in Rome and in Tokyo are beginning anxiously to discover.

Cost of the Abyssinian war was outrageously beyond estimate: and it is (after two years) by no means over. The new capital levy shows to what financial straits it has reduced Italy. Cost of the Chinese war is touching the £100,000,000 mark, more than the whole cost of the Russo-Japanese war; and it has only just begun.

What lies ahead these same worried gentlemen are beginning to regard as a difficult puzzle. The Italian people, the Japanese people, of course, must pay the bills.

Cost of living in Italy has gone up 30 per cent. Standard of living in Japan (already terribly low) goes down.

**I**N both countries there is a police system that can prevent discontent from showing itself. Doubts about the war are "dangerous thinking" in Japan, "Bolshevism" in Italy.

But, police or no police, the average Italian, the average Japanese, can hardly help wondering. You see, he had been promised not just glory but a great deal of profit.

The conquest of Abyssinia was to solve Italy's economic problems. Propaganda had pictured a land full of gold and diamonds and oil and rubber and everything the heart of an Italian could desire. Millions of money and acres of land were there for the taking.

Manchuria was to provide for Japan as Abyssinia for Italy. Limitless raw materials for her industries: limitless room for her teeming population.

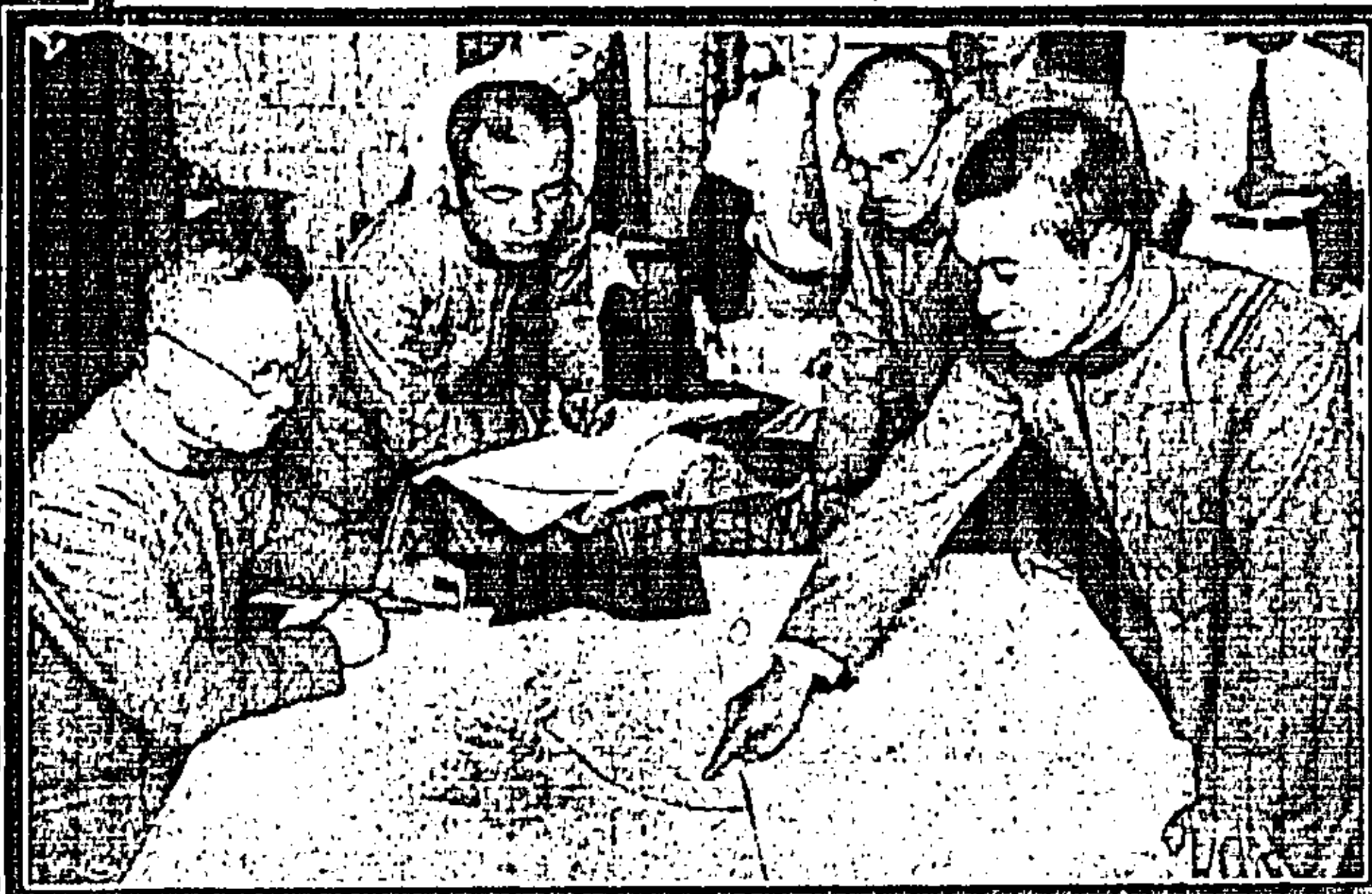
From both has come little but expense and disappointment—and the prospect of more expense, more effort, more sacrifice. And more adventure.

**C**ONQUEST of Manchuria has forced Japan into a new war for the conquest of Northern China. Conquest of Abyssinia—a little less directly—has led Italy into the Spanish campaign. They cannot stop. They must succeed or break.

And they cannot succeed. Because the days of conquest are over. The real trouble about Mussolini, and about his Japanese opposite numbers is that they are out of date. They are obsessed by ideas that belong to a dead past. They are dreaming of building and ruling and exploiting great Empires, of installing their people as a ruling race over huge subject

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Like her counterpart in Italy, the Japanese housewife is now paying the price of the conquests planned by her rulers.

populations. It is no longer possible. The conditions for doing so are gone.

When the British conquered India they did so because there was no effective resistance. There was no national consciousness.

In organisation and equipment at fighting power the local governments were hopelessly inferior. A battle or two could conquer a province; and that was the end. The people accepted the change of mastery without a murmur, almost without a thought. The Empire lay there waiting to be ruled.

So with the Russian drive over Northern and Central Asia—and with any of the others, Empire-building was comparatively an easy thing. Empire-ruling a very easy one.

To-day it is all different. The days of the great Empires, as the nineteenth century knew them, are over. The phase of building has gone; the phase of breaking up, or of transition to something very different, has begun. Nationality has become too strong for imperialism to succeed. This country, very rich in experiences of such things, has learned

the lesson—or, at any rate, is learning.

At the close of that gigantic effort, conquered an enormous new Empire in the Middle East. Militarily, we were in occupation of all the land from the Libyan desert to the Indian frontier—Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Persia, and away north to Baku and the shores of the Caspian.

A rash imperialism would have tried to hold and rule all that territory—and would have wrecked Britain in the attempt.

**B**UT sound instinct knew the task an impossible one even for the resources of the British Empire. National feeling among Egyptians and Arabs and Persians and the rest was too strong. British rule would never have been passively accepted. To hold that new Empire would have been to embark on years of continual struggle, exhausting, profitless, in the long run hopeless. Wisely, "British Imperialism" rejected the temptation, and quietly withdrew from its new

conquests. Equally wisely—if with bad hesitations and reluctances—it has come to see that the Indian Empire, too, as the 19th century knew it, is finished; that India can no longer be held as a conquest, that Indian independence (possibly in partnership, but still independence) is inevitable; that the problem is how to end the regime of conquest peacefully, painlessly, and with the minimum of upheaval.

As with the British, so with all the other Empires—French, Dutch, Russian and the rest. They all have to learn, they are all beginning to learn, that the days of domination are over, and that their subject peoples have to be prepared for and helped to independence.

To try to keep them in submission would be, in the long run, a hopeless, unprofitable and suicidal effort.

In Africa, true, the process has gone less far. But it begins there. The tide of Imperial conquest has turned. The ebb is beginning—everywhere.

And it is now that, with a blind romanticism, Japan and Italy chose to try to begin careers of Imperial conquest and domination. They long to imitate the example of others. But they do not understand that the models they are trying to imitate are already being

scrapped as not only costly but unworkable.

They are chasing mirages as illusory as Dante's dream of re-establishing on a universal monarchy over all Christendom or Napoleon's vision of a French Empire from the Tagus to the Volga.

Mussolini may, by straining Italy's resources to the utmost, subdue and hold Abyssinia. Even that is not certain. But his dreams go further. He thinks of a new Roman Empire of the East, of Italian domination of Spain, of heaven knows what.

Even if no Great Power stood in his way, it is a madman's vision that, pursued, could only lead Italy not to greatness but to collapse.

Japan may win battles in China. Terauchi may sweep south of the Yellow River. The Chinese line to Shanghai may be broken, the Emperor's armies may march to Nanking. But then?

China of the twentieth century is not India of the nineteenth. To subdue, to hold, to govern and to exploit that huge population roused now to a white heat of national consciousness and hatred for the invader is beyond possibility.

**A**S to Germans who may still dream of bringing under the heel of the Reich Czechs and Poles, Slovaks and Rumanians and Ukrainians from Silesia to the Black-Sea—this is beyond Bedlam.

Of course, all this does not lessen the danger that such attempts may be made—are, indeed, being made. It does not lessen the responsibility of those who have let the organisation of security become so feeble that the attempts are possible.

It does not lessen the tragedy of it all, but heightens it, by adding irony to tragedy.

The world is faced by the last madness of lust for conquest in a day when conquest has become an absurdity and the conqueror's Empire an impossibility.

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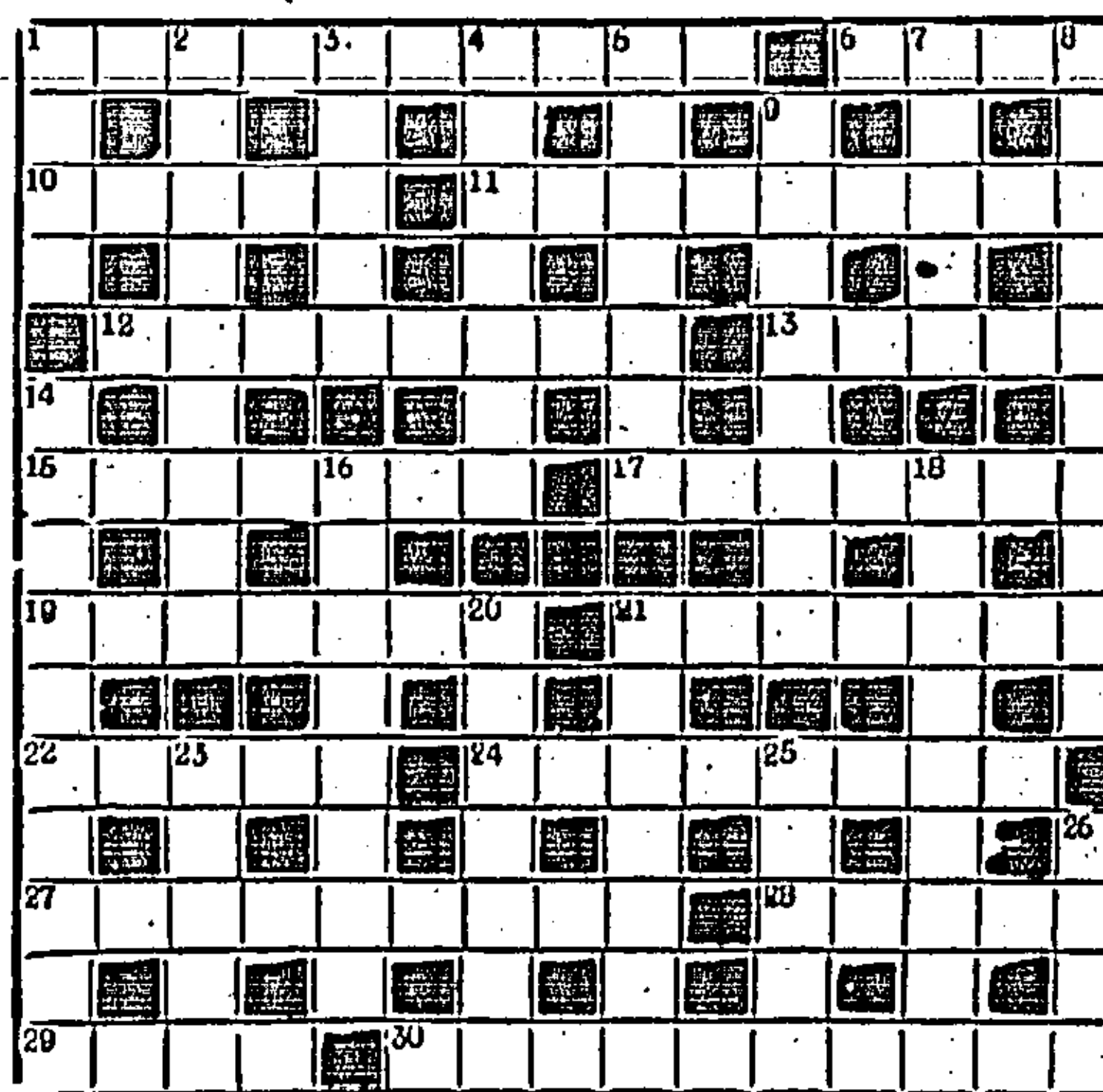
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- 6 This bit of meat is mostly a plant (4).
- 10 He evidently takes exception to the rule (6).
- 11 This food is eaten, of course, and not drunk (9).
- 12 When the end is turned in transparent setting there is rejoicing (8).
- 13 A great singer (5).
- 15 An ungulant blade (7).
- 17 This has no small significance (7).
- 19 Kind of uniform for the order of the bath? (7).
- 21 When employers this curtailed they make it all (7).
- 22 Epithet for a rough diamond (6).
- 24 The result of the world getting a bit above itself? (8).
- 27 Governed too much, or declared to be invalid? (9).
- 28 A relative (5).
- 29 Did Noah land on this island? (4).
- 30 To a very great extent comes from your lemons (10).

### DOWN

- 1 He is no lady's man but a bit of a progressive (4).
- 2 Statistics are sometimes best arranged thus (9).
- 3 Causes of friction may vanish on being this (5).
- 4 She may be good in parts (7).

- 5 Lodge (7).
- 7 A healthy beating reveals its fitness (5).
- 8 This should show the opinion of the people (10).
- 9 This may blunt the edge of sorrow (8).
- 14 Consistent (10).
- 16 Opening with similar opening (8).
- 18 Want (9).
- 20 An Alpine tunnel (7).
- 21 The end is inferior in position and spoils the whole (7).
- 23 Sounds approval, undoubtedly (5).
- 25 A dance (5).
- 26 Gainsay (4).

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